

## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 10, 2005

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: JONES POINT PARK WORK GROUP REPORT AND STAFF  
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE APPROVED CONCEPT PLAN

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**ISSUE:** Jones Point Park Work Group Report and staff recommendations regarding the Jones Point Park Approved Concept Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council:

- (1) Receive the Jones Point Park Work Group Report and staff recommendations;
- (2) Thank the members of the Jones Point Park Work Group for their time and effort on behalf of the City;
- (3) Schedule the report including the options for the Alternative Concept Plan for public hearing on Monday, June 27; and
- (4) Following the June 27 public hearing, docket this item for Council's Tuesday, June 28 legislative meeting so that Council can approve an Alternative Concept Plan that will be forwarded to the National Park Service for their consideration this summer.

Since the Work Group did not reach a consensus on park design, they have forwarded to Council two alternatives (Schemes A and E described in detail below) which reflect the preferences of five of the eight Work Group members.

City staff recommends that Council adopt Scheme A which preserves the historic area and provides for two multi-use fields north of the bridge with up to 110 parking spaces potentially provided in three areas near the community gardens, within the park and parking south of the area near Hunting Towers if feasible.

**BACKGROUND:** On February 22, 2005, at a City Council Work Session on Jones Point Park, City Council asked that staff form a Work Group to review issues relating to the approved Jones Point Park Concept Plan. This was necessary because as a result of the September 11, 2001,

terrorist attacks, security issues were identified by federal and state agencies responsible for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project. These security concerns mandated a change in the parking in the 65% Jones Point Park Concept Plan approved by Council in 2000. Because of this, the location of the parking in the park, which was formerly planned to be located under the bridge, has been under review in an effort to find an alternative location for parking. As a result of these discussions, other issues, including the location, size and number of the planned athletic fields and the location and amount of parking needed within the park, have been raised by the public.

The 65% Jones Point Park Concept Plan approved by Council in 2000 included the following major elements:

- 2 Multi-Purpose Fields north of the bridge
- 200+ Parking Spaces under the bridge
- Historical Preservation and Interpretation
- Event Lawn
- Children's Play Areas
- Vehicle and Pedestrian Water Access
- Natural Resources
- Trail Connections

Following the February 22 Council work session, staff formed a Jones Point Park Work Group that was comprised of representatives from the following groups: Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force Subcommittee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Environmental Policy Commission, Youth Sports Advisory Board, Archaeology Commission, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission, Jones Point Park Stakeholders Group and the National Park Service. The directors of the Office of Historic Alexandria, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities and the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services served as co-chairs for the Work Group. Work Group members included the following individuals:

Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood  
Task Force Subcommittee representative  
Park and Recreation Commission representative  
Environmental Policy Commission representative  
Youth Sports Advisory Committee representative  
Alexandria Archaeological Commission representative  
Jones Point Park Stakeholders Group representative  
Historic Alexandria Resources Commission representative  
National Park Service representative

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Jim Gibson  
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Co-chairs for the process were:  
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Jean Federico  
Kirk Kincannon  
Rich Baier

In the Spring of 2005, the City of Alexandria's Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Department of Transportation & Environmental Services, and Office of Historic Alexandria, hosted four public Work Group meetings to discuss the Jones Point Park Concept Plans. Several alternative plans were presented at the public work group meetings and hearing. The comments generated by the public and Work Group reflected a range of issues and included many of the same ideas and concerns that have been a part of the discussions and dialogue for the entire Jones Point Park design process (as associated with the Wilson Bridge Project).

The Work Group Report (*Attachment I*) includes comments and the group's preferences. Due to the different and varied nature of the issues and concerns raised, the group agreed that a consensus on park design would not be possible. The Work Group reviewed many options, five of which they discussed in greater detail than others. All options are included in the Work Group report. As a result, the Work Group is forwarding to City Council two alternatives which reflect the first preferences of five of the Work Group members. These preferences are Schemes A and E (*Attachment II*), which represent both ends of the spectrum of opinions expressed by the public and the Work Group about the multi-use fields in the park.

Scheme A consists of two 60 x 110 yd. multi-use athletic fields, north of the bridge similar to the configuration as shown in the original 65% Approved Jones Point Park Concept Plan approved by Council in 2000. Scheme A contains the following elements:

- 2 Multi-Purpose Fields north of the bridge
- 110 Parking Spaces between Royal Street and Lee Street, within the park (staff recommendation)
- Additional Parking at Hunting Towers if possible
- Historical Preservation and Interpretation
- Event Lawn
- Children's Play Areas
- Pedestrian Water Access
- Natural Resources
- Trail Connections

Scheme E is a "no field option." Scheme E eliminates recreation fields and designates parking to be south of the Community Gardens within the park with additional parking at Hunting Towers, as further depicted below:

- No Multi-Purpose Fields
- 80 Parking Spaces south of the community gardens (staff recommendation)
- Additional Parking at Hunting Towers if possible
- Historic Preservation and Interpretation
- Event Lawn
- Children's Play Areas
- Pedestrian Water Access

Both schemes continue to show the historic area south of the bridge unchanged, and as originally depicted in the City approved 65% plan. The parking for Scheme A is provided, in concept, between Royal Street and Lee Street, within the park. The number of parking spaces in Scheme A is 110 compared to the 200+ parking spaces provided in the 65% plan the City approved in 2000. Staff believes that 110 parking spaces are sufficient to meet the needs of the park and the parking for City employees and other park users during the work week. Scheme E would include 80 spaces (staff recommendation) south of the community gardens, within the park. This would also meet the needs of the park and the parking for City employees and park users during the work week.

Throughout the Work Group meetings there were public comments and concerns expressed about the following: the importance of preserving both active and passive recreational use in the park, reduction of the amount of active recreational use in the park, improvements to and preservation of historic and interpretive areas, the use of historic areas for active recreation, traffic impacts on adjacent and immediate neighborhoods, security issues within the park, and the potential loss of planned athletic fields. There were also environmental concerns such as impacts to the parks ecosystem, preservation of passive open space, parking impacts and limitation or reduction of parking in the park, hydrological and wetland issues. The Work Group heard comments related to neighborhood impacts created by park use and also statements that although the park is a federal property of the National Park Service, it is considered to be a Citywide park for all Alexandrians.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

In the City Open Space Master Plan Classification Overview, Jones Point Park is categorized as a regional park. The primary use is listed as both active and passive. Secondary characteristics list the park as a cultural/historical, environmentally sensitive, natural resource and recreational area and river front. Staff have reviewed many concepts for the park and listened to comments and concerns from the public at large and the immediate and surrounding neighborhoods. The comments about Jones Point Park and the impact of the park design pertained to numerous issues including neighborhood impacts, the value of the park's history, parking impacts, street safety issues, wetland concerns, flooding worries related to the construction of the fields, theft from the community garden areas by park users, a lack of available City fields for youth programs, the effect that the loss of any field has on programs, the importance of keeping the historical and archeological components in the plan, the importance of natural areas and preservation of access to the fishing area.

As with most park and recreational facility development, there is some impact to the immediate neighbors. The planned renovation at Jones Point Park is no different in this respect. The entire process related to the Park design has provided the entire City community with years of opportunity to comment and have dialogue. The 65 % plan approved in 2000 treats the park as a zoned facility, providing space or zones for historical and archaeological areas, zones for natural passive and environmentally sensitive areas, and zones for active recreational use.

The active recreational zone addresses the multi-use field demand issues that were foreseen by the City prior to the year 2000. The desire for the two soccer fields to become two larger multi-purpose athletic fields, addressed the current City need for fields. Demand driven impacts on City athletic multi-use field programs have risen to the level that significant growth of youth and adult sports programs cannot be accommodated at the present time with our current fields.

Currently, field use demands have been stretched due to the TC Williams High School construction, which recently has eliminated the use of four athletic fields until the construction is completed. While there are plans for future acquisition of parkland that will potentially add two additional multi-use fields to the City inventory (Wilson Bridge Mitigation for Jones Point Park Urban Deck proposed near Witter Drive ), the intended final site use has yet to be determined. The final design cannot be completed until the proposed site has gone through the public comment and design input process. In addition, the two fields in question were a part of the original plan discussions that provided for a total of four large multi-use fields for the City to meet demand. The four fields are the two designated in the approved Jones Point Park 65% Concept Plan and the two fields proposed off Witter Drive, as part of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge mitigation for the elimination of the fields that were to be located on the Urban Deck.

Based on the need for current and additional large multi-use fields within the City, the ability to preserve the park's historic resources, the desire to provide passive and natural areas in the park and also recognizing Jones Point Park as both a passive and active City wide regional park, staff is supporting Scheme A as the recommended option.

Parking that is associated with this option is recommended to be at least 110 spaces, with a mix of compact and standard spaces. In addition, staff feels that as much as possible, parking should be consistent with the guiding principles for parking design that were presented at the May 26, 2005, Jones Point Park Work Group meeting. Those principles include:

- Maintain integrity of wetland boundaries
- Look for opportunities for sustainable low impact "green parking"
- Respect the 80' set back line
- Respect the alignment of the DC Boundary survey line
- Establish a strong and attractive pedestrian gateway to the park
- Maintain a buffer for the community gardens and neighborhood
- Mitigate any vegetation disruption
- Maintain parking between Lee Street and Royal Street, within the park

Jones Point Park is a major future resource for all of the citizens of Alexandria, and I urge Council to take this into account as it deliberates on the City's input to the National Park Service on the future design of this important park.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment I. Work Group Report

Attachment II. Schemes A and E

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ALEXANDRIA  
WORK GROUP REPORT  
June 14, 2005



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## ALEXANDRIA WORK GROUP REPORT

June 14, 2005

As a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, a security review was conducted by the Federal and State Agencies responsible for the Wilson Bridge Project. The result was a mandate to change the parking as shown on the City Council approved 2000 Jones Point Park Plan. Because of these concerns, the parking has been under review for the purpose of re-locating the required parking. As a result of these discussions, other issues, including the location and size of the planned athletic fields and the location and amount of parking needed within the park, have been both issues of concern in the community as well as the City Council. On February 22, 2005, at a City Council Work Session on Jones Point Park (*the park, owned by the National Park Service and leased by the City, is located in the southeast section of the City, fronts the Potomac River and is scheduled for renovation after the completion of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project. The Alexandria City Council adopted a plan for the park's re-design in December of 2000, after receiving extensive community input*), staff was asked to form a work group to review issues that were brought forward by City Council relating to certain design aspects of the park.

Subsequent to the February 22, 2005 City Council work session, staff formed a Jones Point Park Work Group that was comprised of representatives of the following: Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force Subcommittee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Environmental Policy Commission, Youth Sports Advisory Board, Archaeology Commission, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission, Jones Point Park Stakeholders Panel and the National Park Service. The Directors from each of the following departments were assigned to work with the task force; the Office of Historic Alexandria, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities and the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, all of which served as co-chairs for the Work Group. Work Group members included the following individuals:

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The Work Group met on four separate occasions and alternatives for the park concept were presented and discussed at the following meetings:

March 23, 2005, at the Lee Center (*Attachment 1, Meeting Notes dated 3/23/05*).

April 13, 2005, at the Lee Center (*Attachment 2, Meeting Notes dated 4/13/05*).

May 4, 2005, Public Hearing, at George Washington Middle School (*Attachment 3, Meeting Notes dated 5/4/05*).

May 26, 2005, at Mt. Vernon Elementary School (*Attachment 4, Meeting Notes dated 5/26/05*).

## **Work Group Findings**

At each of the four public meetings, the tasks of the Work Group were to discuss, listen and review ideas, concerns, issues, alternatives and concepts for Jones Point Park. The Work Group was to try and identify which elements of the park design needed to be revisited and then to work to reach consensus, or near consensus, on these park design elements. The task force was then to make a recommendation(s) to City Council based on these consensus.

Comments from the public and Work Group reflected a variety of concerns and points of view surrounding the design of the park. These comments included strong opposition from the immediate neighborhood on the idea of fields north of the bridge, as well as the opposite view from other vocal groups in support of fields north of the bridge. These comments also included various positions on preserving active recreational use as originally designed and which has been a traditional use at this location, reducing the amount of active recreational use, preserving historic and improving interpretive areas, using historic areas for active recreation, concerns related to traffic impacts on adjacent and immediate neighborhoods, concerns about security issues within the park, impacts to the parks ecosystem and neighborhood stormwater drainage issues in surrounding homes, desires to preserve passive open space related to parking and drive-aisle changes, concerns about the potential loss of any planned athletic fields at the park and impacts this would have on youth programs now and in the future, limiting and reducing parking in the park, keeping the park passive, noting that the park is a Citywide park for all Alexandrian's, ensuring neighborhoods are not unduly impacted by park use, and understanding that the park is a federal land, owned and operated by the National Park Service, and leased by the City.

Due to the often differing and varied nature of issues and concerns raised, the group agreed that a consensus on park design would not be possible. The Work Group reviewed many options, five of

which were discussed in greater detail. All options are included in this report. As a result, the Work Group is forwarding to City Council two alternatives which reflect the first preference of five of the Work Group members, Scheme A, a two field option with larger fields North of the bridge and Scheme E, a no field option, both representing opposites in relation to the issue for athletic fields in the park design. It should be noted that at the May 26, 2005 meeting, the work group members representing the National Park Service and the Jones Point Park Stakeholders Panel could not share their preference for options, as they are restricted by other federal process considerations. Additionally it should be noted that the representative from the Environmental Policy Commission was not present. A brief summary of the Work Group members' and citizen s' comments during the four meetings is included below.

### **March 23, 2005**

The first meeting was designed for the Work Group to hear concerns from the other Work Group members and from the audience. Six original options were shown, including the three VDOT options, the Park and Recreation Commission parking option, and the Yates Garden Civic Association option. Also included was the information relating to the Historic Resources planned within the park (*Attachment 5, Original options*). Work Group concerns included the security issues in the park, parking, hydrology, wetland/environmental concerns including tree loss, preservation and enhancement of historic resources, provision of active athletic fields and level of activity within the park. The National Park Service representative reiterated the issues relating to the federal process which included additional public review.

### **April 13, 2005**

This second meeting examined 5 alternative schemes, developed from 14 working schemes by staff and the consultant based on comments heard at the first session. Staff met previous to this meeting to discuss variations on the original alternatives and generated 14 thumbnail sketches, illustrating a full range of options. Five of these were discussed in detail at the April 13 meeting. (*Attachment 6, Option Board for 4/13/05 meeting and the 5 Alternative Schemes*) The Work Group agreed to continue discussion on these alternatives, but were not in agreement as to whether a "no field" option should be included. Following this meeting, discussions took place between staff and the neighborhood task force representative, centering around presenting the "no field" option. After this discussion and review of public comments, staff determined that the "no field" option should be included for more public input. Various parking configurations were also presented at the meeting.

### **May 4, 2005**

At the Work Group Public Hearing on May 4, 2005, the public commented on the five schemes (*Attachment 7, 65% plan and 5 Updated Schemes*) that had been discussed at the April 13 meeting. The existing 65% concept plan which had been approved by City Council in 2001 was provided for reference. These schemes ranged from Scheme A, a two field plan that most closely matched the approved 65% Concept Plan which differed only in the location of the parking, to Scheme E, a "no field" plan supported by the Yates Garden Civic Association. The other three options include Scheme B, a plan with a two large athletic fields re-oriented parallel to the new Bridge, Scheme C, a plan with one large field north and one small field south of the bridge, and Scheme D, a plan with one small field south of the bridge. Each plan included parking alternatives. The Work Group received comments from the public for each plan. Staff was asked to further develop parking alternatives that verified the ability to locate the necessary parking spaces relative to the various park schemes. The Public Comment period was extended for two weeks until May 18, 2005. All the schemes were exhibited at Lee Center

through that period for additional public input via e-mail or written comment (*Attachment 8, e-mails and written comments received during open comment period*).

### **May 26, 2005**

At the fourth meeting, on May 26, 2005, the five options were again presented. The Jones Point Park Stakeholder representative provided the public and the Work Group a matrix that was developed, detailing her assessment of the comments at the May 4, 2005 meeting (*Attachment 9*). In an attempt to narrow the choices for later consideration by City Council, the facilitator asked if any of the options could be taken off the table by group consensus. The group was not able to agree to take any of the options off the table.

A brief presentation on parking alternatives and requirements was given during this meeting (*Attachment 10, 5/26/05 Power Point presentation*). Parking requirements for the field use, general park use and for the City employee parking was discussed. The Work Group listened to additional public comments regarding the parking requirements. The parking alternatives contained a conceptual design of 110 spaces for all two field options, and an 80 space option for a one or no field option. There was some question about the need for the 80 spaces presented if no fields are located in the park, and whether City employee parking should be allowed at Jones Point Park at all in the future. Public comment was received indicating that a no field option should not require 80 spaces, but possibly only 30-50 spaces.

Because the Work Group did not reach consensus on a single preferred plan and unanimous agreement on eliminating any of the five options was not forthcoming, a work group member requested that each representative present their most preferred plan option. Four members noted that their preference was Scheme A, because it was the option that most closely related to the originally approved 65% concept plan. The Jones Point Park Stakeholders Panel representative did not comment on a preference due to the fact that she represented the Federal stakeholders panel and was present for guidance and advice only. The Jones Point Park Stakeholders Panel had stated their position, at the stakeholder's meeting last year, during the approval process of the original concept plan. The superintendent from the National Park Service did not state a preference, as the National Park Service is the final reviewer and decision making agency for an approved park design. The fifth member from the Neighborhood Task Force stated a preference for Scheme E, expressing that she felt the plan should show parking for 50 spaces as originally presented and designed in the Yates Garden Civic Association plan, and not 80 spaces as shown by staff. Several members of the Work Group felt that having employee city parking within the park was an inappropriate use.

The Work Group agreed on the guiding principles as the benchmarks to move forward with a more detailed parking design (*Attachment 11*). Staff reminded the Work Group that the parking, like other elements of the park design, is still conceptual at this stage and the specific location of the parking would be determined as the design is further developed. Several members also commented that they felt it would be appropriate to locate the parking west of the DC Boundary line and work with VDOT to secure additional parking on the Hunting Towers site, as a shared site for park parking. The Representative from the Park and Recreation Commission voiced concern regarding the parking concepts, as did the Stakeholder representative, and noted that a parking arrangement that would

minimize impacts on the wetlands would be best. Members also felt that smaller clusters of parking would also minimize impacts to the natural resources and to the adjoining neighbors.

## **General Citizen Comment Overview**

The citizens who attended these meetings presented a number of different views for the proposed park uses. These include: parking concerns, environmental concerns, active recreational use and preservation of historic resources. One significant issue arose which was the proposed use and location of athletic fields on the site. There were two main trends in the comments regarding this issue among the Work Group members and the public. While some citizens testified to the critical need for additional athletic fields in the City, especially larger and full size fields, others noted concerns about stormwater drainage, wetland impacts and the proximity to the neighborhood as reasons that the planned fields might not be appropriate for this park. Still other citizens noted that they would support one field south of the bridge, as opposed to two full size fields to the north.

Meeting the parking needs of park users was another key issue, as well as the question of whether city employee parking is appropriate at this location. The importance of keeping any paved parking areas out of the wetlands was stressed, and the concept of providing as much "green" design for parking was raised. The importance in demonstrating how much parking would be required for each different alternative was stressed. Neighbors expressed concern that users would be parking on residential streets, creating a parking shortage for residents and possible safety concerns relating to increased traffic. They indicated that parking should be designed as far away from homes as possible. Others felt that parking should be located outside of the park, and parking enforcement should be used to solve parking problems expressed by the neighborhood. Participants outside of the neighborhood felt that the neighborhood parking and traffic issue was manageable and should not drive the decision making process, while others thought that parking should drive the park design. There was concern that the only two parking options shown were for 110 and 80 spaces, and that an option with fewer spaces (50 or less) should be considered. At the last Work Group meeting, the issue of City employee parking at the park was discussed. Some participants stated concern that Jones Point Park should not be used for City parking and that this may not be permitted by the NPS.

Hydrological issues were also discussed and highlighted as a concern. Some participants said that runoff and flooding were a major issue that would be increased with the construction of new fields and parking. A separate engineering study addressing these concerns was completed during this process(*Attachment 12*).

## **General Work Group Comment Overview**

The comments and discussion among the Work Group largely reflected that of comments heard from the public, with many of the same concerns and issues expressed. The Work Group was faced with

trying to find some resolution to the issues surrounding both parking and fields, narrow the options and make a recommendation to City Council, but the central theme of the discussions often came back to opposing views of “fields vs. fewer or no fields”. Discussion about the amount and appropriate location of parking for this park was of secondary concern.

The citizens and the Work Group raised many of the same issues that have been expressed even prior to September 11, 2001. These comments and issues include:

- The importance of preserving and restoring the unique significant historic resources in the southern portion of the park;
- Wetland, water and drainage issues must be considered with the park design;
- Parking location and numbers must be considered based on the elimination of parking under the bridge;
- Minimize impacts to the neighborhood;
- Passive uses such as the community garden and walking/historic trails should be maintained;
- Active athletic fields at this location are an important consideration in order to allow the City to meet both current and future levels of program service to the public;
- Athletic field use for this site as an appropriate use did not have full consensus of the group;
- The park should be for all of Alexandrian’s citizens, as it is one of the largest parks within the City;
- Impacts to natural resources, existing wetlands and trees should be kept at a minimum as the design develops;
- The amount of parking should be based on the approved use(s);
- Emergency access to the park will need to be maintained for life/safety and should be accommodated by authorized vehicles on the area under the bridge, not through an additional road system in the park itself;

# Attachment 1

Meeting Notes  
3/23/05

## Jones Point Park Meeting 3/23/05

### EPC

- Multi-use sensitive to N.R.
- Parking lots—pervious material or SMP
- Few/no pesticides

### Woodrow Wilson T.F.

- Supports #6 (Yates Garden)
- Natural, walk-able park
- Most impacted by traffic from bridge and new development
- \$ not well spent w/fields N. of bridge  
Impacts from wetlands into fields (under H<sub>2</sub>O)
- Better use of \$central city location of fields
- How will plan work?
- Standing water is a major issue

### GW Parkway (NPS)

- 25-year lease for Jones Pt. w/master plan
- Wilson Bridge required update to plan (amenities/use evaluated)
- Environmental Assessment 9/2001 for public review ended w/security concerns
- No parking/roadway under bridge
- New City plan must be submitted to NPS—agreeable project

### Archeology Commission

- Southern portion—historical interpretation area should remain
- Maintain historic vista/ambiance
- Lighting would interrupt historic ambiance
- Historical resource impacted by bridge construction already  
Mitigation=maintain southern portion

### Task Force Comments

#### Yates Gardens (6)

- Parking not an option in neighborhood
- Recycling at Lee Street not appropriate--should be contained in parking area
- Historical Dump—community garden for neighbors should be kept
- Support small field to south--fields should move to central location
- Keep Lee Street (end) closed by community garden

### Archaeology. Commission

- No position north of bridge—all current plans w/south preserved are supported

- No field to the south would be supported

### Audience Comments

- Archaeology Commission supports preservation of southern portion as historical resource
- What about the northern portion? Ideas?
- Southern portion--archaeology. sites are matter of pride supported by tax \$.
- Alexandria should be steward to heritage w/Mt. Vernon corridor. Erosion of visible historic Resources
- Committee should pay more attention to legacy
- Old Town Civic: Important uses--letter sent to City- Major fields are least important-- "odd man out"
- Compromise: W/wetlands to north and need for parking. So north side should be untouched
- Event lawn should have 1 small field. (no full size fields)
- Soccer Association FIFA info on field size for younger players--should be smaller for recreational use by youth

### Alexandria Historic Preservation/Restoration Association

- Promotes historical preservation: Commission reviewed Jones Pt. w/position
- Large # of historical events on site (see map + handout).
- Pre-historical to current resources demand protection.
- Area south of bridge should be passive recreation only: Paths/walks/ playgrounds--no fields

### Archaeological Commission/Citizens

- Supports no southern development w/fields

### Rosemont

- Past Planning Commission approved scheme (6)
- Plans for Jones Pt. separated active & passive uses
- What about switching parking & fields (artificial turf)?  
\*Response: City Council requested review of above

### 50-yr Resident

- Historic resources shouldn't stop recreation fields
- South of bridge better for fields than north (too wet)
- Don't exclude south fields
- Compromise history vs. fields

### Resident of Yates Gardens (stakeholder panel)

- 40 years ago NPS plan on Point--
- Jones Pt. mostly "fill land" (past individual use)
- Ship Building Corporation doesn't warrant preservation/memorial--north of bridge inappropriate for fields due to H<sub>2</sub>O. Water will flow south.  
"This was Potomac"--not all historical needs to be preserved
- Present bridge will be torn down--land between Washington and Royal for parking.

Henry Brooks (commission member)

- No concrete in parks—should be for recreation not parking
- Suitability of land to north for fields
- Hydrology study should be conducted to determine suitability

Mike(Youth Sports)

- Need game space (large fields) for sports for all ages including older (large field) players.
- All weather surface supported and could raise \$ for it.
- Sufficient lighting important if under bridge
- Height of bridge makes use limited
- Youth participation limited due to lack of fields

Bike/Walk Committee

- Connector to Mt. Vernon Trail—GW trail important
- Trail connections considered in original (6) plan and should be considered in current planning

Olineger:

- Sept. 11—smaller area, not all needs can be met. Compromise needed. Reasonable to switch parking and fields

Branch (Youth Sports)

- Land use trade-offs over time
- “History reference point for building future.”
- What is highest and best use for ecology of City?

Abramsen (Alex. Soccer)

- FIFA regs. are followed:
- Younger kids to play on small fields (2 on one large field)
- Large fields allows for more opportunities to play for both older and younger players. Artificial turf economical
- Decide what to do, then do study and make it work
- Teams are currently organized around neighborhoods—some teams have no fields. Shouldn't be either/or for fields

Alex. Lacrosse (Youth Sports—16 teams)

- All kids should be active. Need some full size (regulation) fields.
- Development in the city of buildings w/out creating fields

David (Engineer)

- Designing plans w/out knowing costs isn't wise
- Transportation/parking is important to consider
- Compromise w/limited space between special interest groups (plan w/out special interests)

### Hunting Towers

- Historical importance—"exercise of intellect."
- Sports important, but so is intellect—including history
- Already lost significant land
- Bridge accidents vs. children
- Wants/likes "pure nature" at Jones Pt.

### Bob (immediate neighbor)

- What are the #s? Loss of trees
- Response: 4 acres & 12-15 trees, many areas reforested

### Jeff (Youth Rugby/TC Coach)

- Youth get leftover fields. Fields needed now and in the future. No place to play now
- Values education occurs with rugby

### Panel Wrap-Up

#### Julie

- Serious lack of understanding of ecology—important component of this property
- Must consider impacts on wetlands to vegetation (know how H<sub>2</sub>O works)
- Can't just fill it in w/out acknowledging impacts
- Increased density vs. space (City Council decisions)

#### Judy

- Decent fields needed in Old Town
- Increased population's needs must be met
- 65% plan passed w/compromise, parking is the issue and it hasn't been talked about tonight
- Are we legally bound to provide fields (NEPA)?

#### Jim - Youth Sports

- Adult issue w/impacts on well-being of children
- Benefits of sports for youth
- This is an opportunity to address these needs (proactive provision of fields)

#### Kathleen Archaeology Commission

- Original compromise was made
- No position on parking beyond preservation of South (historic resources)

#### Theresa- Yates Gardens

- No fields north of bridge
- Closure to process needed
- Decide on parking under bridge
- What about fields in central location w/lighted fields permitted?
- Better quality w/out water

- Consider traffic
- Reiterate "Stewardship of History"
- Witter property is within plans from VDOT
- Cost of amenities at Jones Pt. is already estimated

#### Rich- Engineering and parking

- Parking under bridge isn't moving forward right now "hitting brick wall" (security)
- Parking must be considered in detail--pervious surface ideal.
- Hydrology--Many hours spent under review on current (6) plan. How is \$ best spent?
- Fields can be designed
- Grade elevation currently would change for new fields
- Another consultant will be hired for review of design
- Mission--listen and collect info on issues of broad group
- Bring issues to broader group (tonight and in future)

#### Kirk

Future follow up:

- April 13 come back together w/ideas
- Concept presentation
- Public hearing for comments--final comments-- on concepts
- Continued compromise w/broader spectrum of communication

#### Additional Comments, Jones Pt. Working Group

- Yates Garden plan not taken in consideration in new schemes; residence concerns
- Plans not "realistic"
- Erosion problems w/fields not addressed
- Residents should have been involved w/new plans
- Uses under bridge--safety concerns; appropriate uses
- Emergency vehicle access?
- Previous comments/issues not included
- No alternatives of no fields
- Hydrology report and consultant plan not in support of each other
- Hydrology report is insufficient
- Scheme D-- Larger field accommodates other sports?
- Fields for younger age groups?
- Small fields 35x65 yds.--practice areas for younger age groups
- Digging for field would required by Archaeology Commission

#### Parks/Recreation Commission

- EIA report to council (2000) 65% plan is compromise w/ all issues
- Define programmatic options
- Footprint of parking on 65% plan
- Small fields are used mostly by younger age groups
- Losing 2 fields at Potomac Yards; need to provide other fields
- Parking-Scheme B - 110 cards; dist. from parking to center of park 200 feet.

- Consider green parking- Parking south of bridge for bike riders from outside of Alexandria -Jones Pt. part of Mt. Vernon Trail
- ADA parking + dist?
- EV access/issues w/access to all areas of park
- Conflicts w/trail/vehicles (pedestrians) –EV using trail for access
- Lighthouse require security; NPS vehicles need access
- Safety of playing under bridge - Concerns: birds, noise, light; access for bridge tender/maintenance
- Playing under not “optimal” conditions
- Only artificial turf (Council request). Trade off? Use during rain? More use throughout the year, will need more utilities
- Artificial turf not in the proposed/original budget (\$14.5 million)
- Visibility issues w/use under bridge
- Jones Point working group: Hydrology report that supports fields is incomplete/incorrect data. Problems will arise if decisions based on such data
- Proposed fields next to history areas and tot lot
- Wants to see alternative process
- Stakeholder group would not have approved Scheme D

#### Yates Garden

- Need better representation of civic groups (Old Town Cure) in work groups (majority Archaeology and youth sports)
- One soccer field south of bridge
- New schemes “preconceived agenda”
- With fields north, bigger area for fields, parking along Royal/Lee Street w/turn around;
- St. Mary’s conflict?
- Needs of park to determine parking but have parking @ park entrance
- Parking needs to be parallel to road, not west/east

#### Archaeology

- Prefer nothing south of bridge; remain passive use
- “Informal” field would be preferable -but reduces value of walks

#### Environmental Policy Commission

- Fields south; conflicts w/passive/active uses
- Run off issue will be appropriately addressed in design
- 65% grading plan indicates grading/scales/fill for fields
- Will there be options for no fields north of bridge?
- Lighted fields in NPS land? No regulations related to lighting in parks. Depends on uses.
- Dog walkers will not walk dogs on athletic fields  
Currently cannot walk dogs near wetlands. Why have fields on wetlands?
- Assessment of parking in wetlands area?
- Lighting affect on wildlife?
- Soccer fields at existing parking lot?

# Attachment 2

Meeting Notes

4/13/05

## **Jones Point Park Meeting**

### **4/13/05**

#### Jones Point Park Stakeholder

- Report is not enough to determine whether soccer fields can go in wetlands in relation to the site/location. site/location has not been addressed
- As noted ,even on the page, the is not located in the "location" as written in the report--and draining a different way
- This report was just reviewed--too little time to review in depth by this group. Should be looked at by another as well.
- Needs more than just this report

#### Historical Alexandria

- Scheme D: "Informal field"--no permanent goal posts, graded naturally for run off
- Larger field--could it be divided in half? Would give 2 fields for much younger (10-11 yrs.) kids
- Scheme B: What's the buffer between field and community gardens. 20 feet.

#### Yates Gardens

- President wants to present statement. Process has changed "switch and bait".
- Yates Garden proposal not up for consideration tonight.

#### Yates/Wood/Wilson Task Force

- Not realistic to put anything under bridge
- Task Force member wants to speak to one member for each group (representatives)

#### EPC:

- Dashed line for "no vehicles"--what about emergency? Yes, EVA

#### Fed Panels

- "City panels lie". No group has been ignored until tonight
- Plan sent to VDOT w/citizen input that did not include soccer (or other) fields
- Hydrology Report seriously flawed--what was the process for Rhodeside & Harwell drawings and what was to be presented?
- "Lack of inclusion" for citizens
- This cannot go forward w/out true representation and complete data. Report should include scope of work, methodology, definitions etc.

#### Archaeology/Historical:

- Do larger fields accommodate sports addressed last meeting?
- Yes, full size fields. Original (approved) plan also accommodated fields
- What sports on Scheme E?
- Younger kids and practice fields--not full-size game fields.

- Parking plan into wooded area
- Extra drainage
- Would archaeological work be done w/digging? *Yes*

#### Sports

- "Sportsmanship" Greatest amount of compromise for greatest good
- Process to get there important
- A lot of passion for different options.

#### Park & Recreation Commission

- Not representative for Windmill Hill Park
- Report signed and sealed by Professional "dueling expert"
- E.I.S original fields were both full size went forward to cc-65% plan
- Programmatic Option? Not full design plan, but on program of fields and their impacts also where to park cars.
- Exiting Parking- where is this shown?
- Two fields (1<sup>st</sup> three options) full size better accommodate all sports + players.
- Smaller fields more restrictive 10 +yrs. Need full size two fields
- Two fields lost at Potomac Yard. Four temporary lost at T.C.( 2009-10 shortage)
- Over 50 acre site(JP) which can accommodate needed fields-in favor of two full size
- Parking -110 head in on Royal within 200-400 feet from entrance
- Would like parking further in. Incorporated into site per cc plan
- Focus more on parking south of bridge especially for bicycle users-much needed in this location to access trail system. Put it on bike maps handicap parking is shown

#### G.W. Parkway/NPS

- Emergency access width and details
- Routine patrol- cars mixed with pedestrians on trails
- Conflict between trail use for EVA and pedestrian use with routine patrols.
- Parks use "trail vehicle" for routine patrols but load bearing for EV and police
- Vehicles should not be on paths/trails except for law enforcement.
- Access without conflicts needed. 65% plan worked and was approved by NPS.

#### Historic Alexandria

- Attended meeting with R&H to develop plan with consensus. Last meeting showed need for sports/fields. Group came together to get drawings.
- Can play occur under bridge - is it safe? Playing surface is not ideal for maintenance, noise, lighting - not optimal playing conditions. Bridge requires access for maintenance that could affect fields underneath - hard surface under bridge is needed.
- Current and new configuration can't be equated-very different. More light would come in. would have to be artificial turf

#### P & R

- Synthetic field option considered - C.C. request. More games per year
- No athletic fields without lighting recommended by P&R committee. City \$ needed most likely.

- Lights not anticipated at this location.

#### Sports

- Covered area play - safety concern.

MODERATOR - What works, what doesn't

#### J.C.

- Clarification: Process should be fair and data correct and complete.
- All valid data is needed.
- Report is incomplete - conclusions could be different, potential problems not addressed, and assumptions must be made, leading to problems and complications.
- Many groups do not want fields and this option is not represented.
- Pieces are not all on the table
- What about fields by historic areas and tot lots?
- "Better process" needed.
- Stakeholders would not have considered fields near historic areas.
- If one large perspective is left out, the process would not continue until all options are on the table. Pieces left out and incorrect data.

#### Woodrow Wilson Bridge NTF Group

- Not comfortable with process - needs more credibility. This group will not have it with neighborhoods.
- Would like other task force member, Yvonne Wade, to speak
- Does not want fields near wetlands - drainage concerns.
- Knows water levels and erosion impacts.
- Should be talking to neighbors. This is a "preconceived agenda" for soccer fields.
- Other options should be included.

#### Kirk

- Field to the South?
- One representative per group. Yes, it's more realistic for water/erosion issues.
- Parking? On Royal it is okay (Western end) but St. Mary's might not like it.
- Should be contained at the entrance to the park.

#### Historic Alexandria

- Nothing south of the bridge. Informal better than formal, but neither is wanted
- Current fields don't allow for desired walks/plaques.
- Fields north of bridge would not have impact.
- Scheme C - Parking too close to homes - should be contiguous with common gardens.

#### EPC

- Field in South-side very active - should be to the north (active uses).
- "Rehashing" same issues.
- Run-off is main issue - should be kept to a minimum.
- Past plans have drainage/run-off management.

- Will another option without fields (to north) be represented/brought forward?
- The goal is 3 options for the next meeting.
- What about synthetic vs natural and lighted fields? What about dog walkers on synthetic?

#### WWB

- Wet fields at the community gardens and where fields (65% option) are proposed. Move fields to a more central location.

#### Sports

- Fields don't need to be centrally located - that increases travel time. They should be near home.
- If run-off was eliminated, would the fields be okay for neighbors

#### WWB/Neighbors

- None north of the bridge

#### Sports

- Dog walking vs children's exercise – more space is needed for children.

#### JC

- Parking requires complete hydrology that considers change or growth of wetlands area. Hydrology has many impacts.
- Development in city is the issue for children's play space.
- Lighting not in plan - nocturnal species should be considered

#### GWP/NPS

- Current package configuration looks like proposed would fit.

#### JC

- Will more data be provided to departments?

#### Kirk

- Data will go back to the City manager and that staff.

#### P&R

- Anything but fields does have consensus. There are many issues agreed upon.
- P&R goal is for outstanding parks - ALL aspects, not just sports.
- With development of historic resources to the south, fields would disappear
- Parking - we've come a long way from last meeting. Step forward. We can live with any of the options.
- Still consider bicycle package.

#### JC

- Agrees with the bicycle parking.
- Fields (size and configuration) are the real issue broader input needed.
- "Respectful fields"- Is the right direction.

### WWB

- Royal St. parking on west side would not work (discussions with St. Mary's.)  
What is the schedule and format? Wants more -2- members from task force (represented).

### Kirk

- What other uses? Goal of RPCA as close as 65% plan as possible
- Process: no agreement on schemes agreed tonight
- Broader meeting (public) required, then get concepts.
- More technical information needed.
- Bring back these options and no fields to north (per Yates Gardens)?

### P&R: Options: (fields)

- A - 65% with parking changed
- Two full size fields (2 options)
- Smaller fields
- Yates Gardens options - none to north or none at all?

### JC

- Having all ideas and options represented is very important. Redesign park based on what people want.

### WWB

- Field to north where existing parking lots are and a field to the south may be acceptable.

### Parks Perspective:

- Hedge fence to protect gardens
- 2 fields flat mitigate: tools/going through walking through land and community gardens.
- Increased activity near community gardens
- Scheme A- does the most for the most people and 2 big fields tucked in there
- Scheme C: is  $\frac{3}{4}$  - does this add to discussion?
- What does the no/do nothing show?
- Parks - disagreement from the beginning. Make accommodations for parking and tweak fields at 65% drawings.

### Sports:

- Why is the compromise in no fields plan?
- Mark Yates as Yates plan and show it as such - one extreme and another extreme
- Option of no fields shows no compromise
- No fields are diminution.
- 2 fields in ELS already made mitigation and settlement agreement
- Iterations of fields requested.
- One field south of the bridge still within context- would not be another option.
- Neighborhood might be able to live with field but don't feel like giving up the "no fields north of the bridge"
- Parking at south - need this for Bicyclist

- Broken up inside park acceptable
- Location and number of fields.

#### Yates Garden

- South of the bridge. What size? Invasion small field. Children's size 40x80
- Much more credible w/ P.H

#### WWB

- Request a lot of people, need to hear from everyone in the neighborhood

#### Park and Recreation

- Park represents broad community
- Should be open discussion- go to PH then CC/PH
- Can parade everyone to speak, including children, 300 or more. Do you want this?

#### WWB

- "Committee is stacked" opportunity to on record, work out issues then go to Council

#### Archaeology

- One of the reasons, damage of loss of historic resources, don't want multi-purpose fields south of bridge.
- No position on which alignment north of bridge put design to us
- Comment by next meeting – hydrology needs to be addressed- don't have base line
- Question of integrity- these are not the only plans represented at the last meeting. Flipping around with baseline
- Are we under the charge to go forward or is there a plan to be separate or distinct from the group?
- Configure the parking in relation to number of fields; reduce in inventory 40 per field, going to one-field changes EB/and settlement.

#### NPS

- Will be working with what plans

#### Sports

- Cannot be integrity? Going down to one field, anything less than two fields- going to one field is unreasonable.
- Questions- one of the things to look at was 1 large field- was there a size?
- Show field in south- if you had a larger field
- Artificial turf- if it would be the same?
- Was it large or small from council?
- South of field
- Back and forth with Council- what was the ?? with artificial turf and is that a replacement for two fields.
- Council understands that on natural turf, can't play so much- long term use- can play more

### Elliot Rhodeside

- Design capability in different areas. Synthetic not compatible south of the bridge
- Whatever size of field south of bridge is natural. What do we want with the last one?

### Sports:

- One field compromise is too much.

### WBB:

- What about 2 small fields south of the bridge - small side fields with parking constraints?
- The best way to represent the Yates plan is to show no consensus with this group.

### Sports:

- Opposed to one field - Going with less than was approved is not fair or right to show this.
- Put both fields up there
- Base 65% line
- B parallel - field closer to water - small turf field south of bridge
- The Yates Gardens schemes - not fair to not put out what stakeholders have put forth

### Yates

- Why not have everyone's ideas put forward after all the work?
- It's the choice this committee is stacked
- What are we charged to do?
- Does Council want us to consider one or two fields?
- Smedberg said one field south of the bridge, but it is not clear what the City Council wants us to do out there - put the one small field out there?

### Sports:

- Considering one field does not serve youth or adults sports at all.
- Access to multi-purpose fields for children
- allocation is not a concern

### Historical Resources:

- South portion at park; field will impact on historical resources

#### Park/Rec Commission:

- Plan zoned into different areas highlighting features, environment, recreation, history - passive/active recreation.
- Demand for active recreation in the future.

#### Jones Point stakeholder

- Provide more recreational facilities through development process.

#### Park/Rec Commission

- No single parking 110 cars/road penetrating park
- Parking @ perimeter
- Offsite parking - original field configuration.

#### Youth Sports:

- Need for more field space
- Full-size fields for practice for children and adults
- Obesity issue

#### Historic Resources Comm.:

- WBC boundary - other features
- Historic significance
- VA shipbuilding
- Maintain historic significance
- No features on historic bound preserved

#### Jones Point Stakeholders

- 65% plan approved by stakeholders (soccer field issues)
- Parking why no parking under bridge?
- Private managed parking?
- No wetlands impact.
- Ideas for north end of park?
- Southside historic significance for present and future generations
- Stewardship/respect of historic legacy
- Old Town Civic Assoc. Does not support athletic fields however northside is no due to wetlands,
- South side child size athletic field in Event Lawn
- FIFA sized for children - field size proportionate to user size (children)
- The advantage of undersized fields is more contact fun.

Kathleen Pepper

- Preserve southside - NO athletic fields use

K. Fedder:

- Separate passive and active per the original plan
- Where was parking in the original field location
- Perhaps artificial turf under the bridge?

B. Lynch:

- Supports field use in southside because ex-wetlands on the northside
- The Shipyard is of less historic importance

Yates Garden Member:

- Past plans for "Colonial Garden"
- Jones Point is mostly fill land/historic [eninsula
- VA ship building corporation historic significance over providing field use for southside
- Parking in old bridge location
- Hydrology of the northside too wet and inundated

H. Brooks:

- Less concrete in parks
- Use a consultant to determine field use for the north.
- Large fields offer flexibility for practices, support 12-18 year old games
- Supports all weather surfacing and looking at lighting

R. Reeder: BikeWalk of Alexandria

- Mt. Vernon trail through park; connections to bridge walk; need to be addressed.

E Branch Youth Sports:

- Past uses of land have been trade-offs; determine best use for park for City health.

Alexandria Soccer:

- Larger fields allow for multi-game usage for those under 12 yrs old and for entire field for over 12 yr. odds use.
- Location, scarcity of fields not enough fields in Old Town
- Address fields for Eisenhower Avenue.

Alexandria Lacrosse:

- No existing fields in the city for use
- Games are being played on undersized fields
- Need more fields.

D. Lansing:

- Designing plans without costs, not good
- Lack of attention for parking and transportation will drain resources and compromise b/u uses.

Huntington Towers Assoc.:

- Tot areas near bridge, safety is an issue for events that gather all people.
- How many trees lost for fields; 12-15 trees, approximately 4 acres.

Jones Point stakeholders:

- Lack of understanding of the wetlands, filling will impact flooding, and vegetation
- Too much development and increasing density is leaving no space for recreation.

Park/Recreation Commission:

- Old Town has no fields due to traffic congestion - original 65% was a compromise
- Meeting community needs for fields the concern - no discussion regarding parking.
- 65% Plan part of settlement agreement.

Youth Sports:

- Impact of plan for children Sports and athletics are important for them.
- More fields, anywhere will lead to healthy youth development
- More fields will act as a preventative measure.
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Architecture/ Resource Commission

- The stewardship of our historic districts is important.

# Attachment 3

Meeting Notes

5/04/05

**Jones Point Work Group**  
**May 4, 2005**  
**Public Hearing**

Why was the "no field option" put forth

Response: Discussion & thoughts that all options should be up and viable

Speakers

Mark Wilcoff-

- Individual concerned about youth of city
- Provide opportunities for field & play
- Critically important to provide as many opportunities as possible
- J.P. is one of the few places this can happen. Supports- 2 full size fields

*Julie Crenshaw-Question: more fields this location?*

Speaker: Best location/good

Richard Miller

- Citizens who have concerns, voice concern as to what is objectionable.
- Workgroup committee composition not objective based on organizations-and prior actions of a portion of the group
- That the credibility of the workgroup is suspect
- Go to any other existing park -you would not approve of taking other wetlands

Frank Putzu

- Torn between two competing interest
- Field shortage- Jones Point wonderful site
- Supportive of 2 full north of bridge
- Wetlands/environmental issues still important
- Traffic & congestion issues when fields come into operation-fine experience-overall plan put forward A or B good

*Work Group- Question: Did you find youth sports activities disrupt the neighborhood?*

Speaker: no, no issues-concern

Mack Filto

- Closest neighbor to the entire plans- support option E. The city can be better served w/fields elsewhere in the city
- No near by public transportation.
- Purchase Wilson Bridge Property@ Eisenhower and return revenue stream-
- Large area a for multi use facilities
- Easy access for property to be lighted and extend time for players

- Public access, increase size and other facilities at the other site not @ Jones point- a lot of money to build the field up 4' above ground level in tidal wetland.

**Work Group-** not a special situation to build fields up anywhere in the city (standard Practice). How has soccer field affected your neighborhood since bridge constructed facility the same, but- the activities have diminished and private property intrusion, and less parking issues in the area. Do you see water from the Wetland?

**Speaker:** I do see a lot of water destroying some area round the wetlands.

Karen Simons

- Oppose all soccer fields and their Jones Point.
- Amazed that soccer fields proposed in the park a NP with high vehicle use and children's asthma issues. When are you going to go for permits and FOMA regulation?
- Jones Point in flood plain can be built no jurisdictional wetland will be built in. Stress that any sort of wetland are out of fields.
- Wetland need to be delineated again  
Does not want field.

ED Martin

- Helpful to have plans summerized
- What parking is for each plan?
- Concern with decision made prior to 9/11 we need to re-visit these plans
- E- Is Preferred
- D- fallback
- I ask that you reconsider

**Kirk:** 110 spaces is in plans from original plan now looking at 80 spaces

Robert Moore- Alexandria Lacross

- Support A, B, or C
- There is a shortage of fields
- Call parking enforcement is parking is an issue
- Youth need a place to plan

**Julie:** would you take fields anywhere in the city?

Robert- yes, however in Old Town there are not enough space/ fields

Ardith- WWNTF

- I have been part of this process for years.
- There is a lot of history in this site
- We have lost parking all over the city due to WWB Project.
- VDOT Borrow parking at our tennis courts - they must put it back.
- Historical aspects are paramount.
- There should only be one field
- No parking in the park- this is a National Park
- Support -Plan E or D
- People need to walk & bike more

- We should have a city wide vote
- Support plan E & D This park floods (1.) Field south of the bridge okay.

Ann Marie Ingram

- Agree with the parking problem. Soccer field should be on Eisenhower Ave
- Support leaving it the way it is
- Support Plan E

James McCall

- Frequent user of the park and I support the historical aspect of the park
- This is a unique park, this is not the area to accomplish all that is wanted. This park has been miss managed over the years.
- We need to look at other solutions.
- Support plan E or D-minimal Impact

**Theresa Miller:** is parking considered major or minor?  
VODT: Major

Barbara Lynch

- Family very involved in athletics
- There fields have been there for 30 years why do we now want to get rid of them
- No matter where you put it- it will be wet
- Question is this money well spent?
- Supports fields on the South Side

Richard Campbell

- Before 9/11 there were 250 parking spaces proposed now there are none.
- Parking should drive the amenities to be added to the park
- Disagrees with City Staff -look at every aspect of park
- Plan E-Choice

Michael Hobbs

- Cherished recreation area. It was a key aspect of neighborhood. The 2001 plan no longer possible because of no parking under bridge.
- The new plan must be re-considered. All amenities from original plan must be reconsidered
- Amount of parking should be balanced
- Damage should be kept minimal
- Impact to neighborhood should be minimized
- Preserve previous uses of park
- We would not be here if it were not for the WWB Project at 9/11
- Money should be used to minimize impact rather than increase it.
- Put park field in an accessible area

**Kirk Kincannon:** please clarify- plan D field small field South of Bridge not large fields is what you support?

**Speaker:** yes

Cortney

- I have not seen consideration to St. Mary turn around.
- Where will the St. Mary traffic line up once Jones Lane is gone?
- Each will have to be designed with a minimal amount of turn around.

Carolyn Merck

- Children have played soccer at Jones Point Park
- Mitigation Money - We need to figure out what to do with it to have minimal impact
- To provide soccer to neighborhood for youth not adults It is a good resource. (1) Field south of the Bridge
- 1<sup>st</sup> criteria should be look at parking w/ out Intrusion on wetland
- No cutting trees
- No neighborhood parking
- Urge you to support our recommendation

**Rich** do you consider St. Mary's street access as residential or commercial?  
Carolyn yes, there is Commercial Street in this area

- I asked Recreation 2 weeks ago for data that determined the make up of parking
- Would like data & Assumption of Parking for both /any fields in JPP.

*J.C- Submit FOIA*

Mark Patzer

- Supports Plan E
- D & E does not restore original character of park.
- Looking @ other site less wet

Amara

- Played soccer 5 years. Fields beneficial to all

Claire Eberwein

- Support 2 fall soccer fields, A&B, field shortage throughout at city
- ½ of Old Town is a flood plain. Fields will not have a detrimental impact

**Julie Crenshaw**- how did you base data re: wetland report?  
Claire Eberwein: Old Town was originally wetland A&B

Lily Finkley

- Traffic concerns; I live one block from Lee Center, a cemetery, ASA, and Rt 1. You can deal with the traffic. You will survive it

John W

- Support D & E, anything-south bridge.
- Re: mitigation, mostly assumptions about conditions. Wetlands, pollution, traffic etc:
- Other high density developments in city have not addressed open space/field

- Neighborhood has given enough, bridge, traffic and density

#### Yvonne Weight

- Reviewed open space plan, part should be passive uses in regard to open space objectives.
- Preserve trees, be sensitive to city 100 years field plan, should be passive use.
- Active uses may negatively impact adjacent uses from noise, traffic etc, Goal 7 where appropriate, cluster active uses near schools/rec. centers.
- Goal 2: protect our trees.
- Support D or E

#### Don Simpson

- Multi use shown are excellent maximize park space
- Shortage fields in city (6-7 field shortage)
- Need to find alt. Location for extra 2 fields
- If no fields at Jones Point, parking problems are manageable
- Support A, B, or C

#### Jeff Murphy

- Coaches TC rugby/various clubs, parent, resident and taxpayer
- Need more fields. Currently practices rugby in front of Chinquapin, not on fields
- JP option 1-80 yd (too small) Rugby needs full size field; there is no field available for kids to play now
- Kids are the future in city, likely to suffer from decrease areas for future play

**Julie Crenshaw:** you'll take fields anywhere?

*J. Murphy- cannot answer*

**Julie-** Do you take Duke to get to Chinquapin? Would you prefer field centrally located?

*J. Murphy- Rugby is at the bottom of the totem pole, would you feel more field space would attract more to rugby.*

#### Terry Dikes

- Against large soccer field@ JJP.
- Would not use JPP with adult field. Leave more passive, preserve environment
- Support D&E prefers youth fields

#### Susan Anderson

- JJP belong to everyone in city
- Lee Center and other places are less accessible than JPP.
- No one takes public transportation to soccer games
- "Existing forest" has invasive species; not old matured growth
- Community gardens could be used for parking
- Existing fields are child-sized fields. The city needs more fields
- 1600 kids play soccer in Alexandria, don't deny opportunities for kids to play
- Supports A & B

**Julie Crenshaw-** Remove gardens/ some ex reg. for parking?

**S. Anderson:** prefers parking at gardens to reduce residential overflow  
Existing gardens were a cement dump- now many people use them and they are granted by NPS

Cindy Anderson & Lee

- Support 2 full soccer fields; kids play on current fields
- Fields part of history of park
- Parking issues; urban area, can compromise
- Field shortage in city; soccer/ball field located together
- A or B Lee open space is important to have as after school activity, active sport

Jennifer Bright

- Support D or E
- Have not heard about public safety tonight
- Public safety is more of a priority than recreation
- There are traffic problems in her neighborhood, there will be an increase in volume of traffic with full size fields

Kathy Cannady

- JJP should be for all ages, like other City parks
- JJP needs passive areas, City is highly urbanized – inter-generational/ all ages
- Community gardens are a recreation use.
- Should not be more than 1 field in park.
- Support any plan with 1 field.
- Support plan D park is unique because of water access

Next Steps

- May 18 comments from work group compiled deadline
- June public Hearing possible
- Next work group meeting TBD- opening the floor to those who have not spoken 30 min. max
- Judy- does not agree on opening floor for public comment (Submit written comments only) motion second
- Finding replacement fields if field where removed, open space plan does not show area that would fit fields.
- Costs only cover construction; not cost of acquiring land (1.4 mil. For 2 new fields)
- 13 mil. allocated for restoration of park. Fields are funds of federal \$\$ not City money

Youth Sport Advisory Board

- Would not support centrally located fields the City need fields where people live

Archaeological Commission

- Site as historically rich; compromise will be needed to meet needs of community

Yates Gardens

- Found 2 fields near Jack Taylor of Alexander (Toyota). Area around JJP is very dense
- Receives high use within the City and outside

- Large amount dollars being spent; should be for centrally located, lighted fields
- Fields will have maintenance issues
- Clearer understanding of expected parking and fields.

#### Kirk Kincannon

- 50-52 regulation fields, 10 + non-regulation size fields
- Studying new areas for fields
- Look at pros and cons of each option

#### Jean Federico (OHA)

- Concept D has wrong size field, should be child size
- Willing to have smaller child size field south of bridge, compromise
- Try to retain historic resources of area
- Supports smaller fields

#### Judy Noritake

- Jack Taylor site, area similar to JPP with wetlands. Same issues
- Need balance in JPP Plans

#### JPP Stakeholders

- Fed (1) panel; not city related. Stakeholders approved 65% plan for parking
- Will submit new reports re: parking

#### Kathleen P

- Focus parking but hard to make decisions with presented plans
- Need more illustrated parking plans

#### Kirk Kincannon

- Any plans that one would like to see illustrated schemes for parking, look at parking W. of Lee Street

#### Rich Baier

- Will parking be on Lee St?
- Does there need to be further access in park to support uses in park?

#### Kincannon

- Notices, website, public information by May 18

#### J. Crenshaw

- Provide comments (written & verbal) by May 18<sup>th</sup>
- Will there be a transport of public comment available to citizens/CC?

# Attachment 4

Meeting Notes

5/26/05

**Jones Point Park Task Force Public Meeting**  
**May 26, 2005 7:00-9:30**  
**Mount Vernon Elementary School**

Opening Presentation

Please share new comments this evening. Time will be limited, let new people speak.  
Last work group meeting planned - try to come to a recommendation in relation to the schemes presented. (A-E). Timeline: produce recommendation to City Council June 14, public hearing on the June 27. June 28 a decision will be forwarded on to NPS for Federal Review. NPS plan goes out to public review after document prepared (30-60 days of public comment) then report and decision.

Looking at options tonight and hopefully narrowing it down. Work group may put more than one option forward. Parking must be focused on within the park and how the relationship will work. Look at Lee and Royal St. Recommendation to City Council is the goal.

Two parking options considered:

110 spaces identified with the use of the two fields (info presented). The City will also ask for 80 of those spaces to be used for City parking - other site options were considered. This is the best option based on park's location and access for City employees.

80 spaces for one field (info presented)

Assumptions for parking: maintain wetland boundary, sustainable parking, 80' setback for bridge, boundary/district line, pedestrian gateway, buffer between community and gardens, mitigate destruction of wetlands and impact on Lee St.

There is room for 110 spaces or 80 spaces. Question: why wasn't the Yates Garden 50 space option considered.? Because this information was based on request to show whether the plans would allow for that many spaces. Yates gardens wants to see parking concept for 50 spaces. May be one of the options that goes forward to CC.

Reason that the plans went forward for two large fields is based on some of the offline fields (4) that can't be used right now. Two at TC and two at Whitter won't be on line for 4-5 years. Potomac Yard fields will be relocated and one could be lost with new school (if it comes forward). This is the logic behind looking at large fields instead of small at Jones Point.

Three minutes each for public speaking, bring comment sheets forward. Rules of conduct should be followed. Respect speakers.

Public Input

Rich Campbell: Pres. Of Yates Gardens Civic Assoc. Attended all the meetings. Issue of parking. 250 parking spaces are gone, what is the impact of the loss? Question of Kirk - Why is City

parking a consideration?

Kirk: One of the things we were asked to look at by CC was how to accommodate parking that was at Jones Point. Other alternatives were considered, but the other options weren't better in relation to shuttle service.

Rich C. Is a proposal moving forward for NPS to accommodate the city parking - will a lease be needed?

Kirk: Jones Point has been used for a number of years by the City.

Rich C. How can this be proposed. What is the need?

Kirk: It is not the sole consideration in determining parking needs, but one of many. Currently a shuttle runs there and another location may not be suitable

Emily: City employees have been parking there. It is not in addition to the other parking required, but part of the other uses off peak. Only with the one field option is more parking required for city employees beyond the required park parking. (Only ten additional spaces).

Rich: Past parking was under the bridge.

Kirk: The concerns about employee parking will be captured in the info that goes to CC.

Janice Magnuson: Member of Arch Com. Important historic value at Jones Point Park - Colonial past through the present. Historian David McCullough wrote about. "Historic Amnesia". History on our Alex. Streets, including Jones Point as a corner stone for Alexandria, DC. Park should be preserved for open space and passive uses. Its vital history draws visitors throughout the world. Games are important, but also history. Supports Plan A or B.

Jean Antone: South Fairfax St. Echoes Rich C's statement about parking. This plan is appropriate for Loudon County. Parking for city employees - would two fields be favored if you weren't looking for employee parking? Small area as far as parks go. Consider impacts on historic area and neighbors. City should be taking up space for parking in NPS property. Employees should take the Metro.

Michael Hobbs: Also concerned about parking. Calculation based on 40 spaces for each field. Do no fields require no spaces? Accommodation of either 80 or 110. Would no field need 30 spaces? Additional city parking would be 50 more than what the no field option would require (30). Parking for City employees should be third priority after park/rec uses and preservation on natural resources and passive uses of the park. King St. Retail Study showed spaces in garages up and down King St. These could be used for city parking possibly even closer to City Hall. Compare to cost of doing damage to park. Supports using the District of Columbia boundary line with no or one field and parking only for parks - all spaces might be accommodated to west side, eliminating damage to wetland and forest.

Yvonne Weight: Attended every meeting, every time new surprise. It seems like the City is making sure that we stuff as much use into park. Now it's really about city parking. Insulting. Contract with city and NPS says parking would be under the bridge and only temporary. Neighbors didn't want parking there when it was originally approved. Lee Center has adequate parking. Originally promised that parking would be removed from Jones Point Park. Never more than 30 cars parked there. City parking does overlap with soccer practice Check numbers. Small use of small fields now, with larger fields it would be worse. Once and for all we need accurate numbers on what soccer fields do exist in the City. How many in Potomac Yard. Numbers do not match up. Please provide lowest parking possible use D or E. City parking used to justified two large fields. Must go back to no fields whatsoever because of the above. Violating contract with Federal Government.

Richard Miller: All the design concepts show parking to the west of Lee St. Supports no more than 50 spaces in that area. Additional trees would be taken down with more. Design spaces as far away as possible from homes. Also north of the bridge and the area where temp. parking is now should have no fields and parking lot removed for reforestation. Turn it back into forested canopy for mitigation of tree loss from bridge lost. Filed email extension of remarks. Thanks for opportunity.

Poul Hertel: Discussing this for five years in some form or another. Go back to Open Space summer in 2001 (June). Peter Harnick, speaker on urban parks: "Unfettered and uncluttered" is ideal. Open space summit inventory/assessment was taken. People were asked what they wanted in the city. Walking, biking, picnic....soccer fields at the bottom. Satisfaction for soccer fields - only 10% dissatisfied. This is suburban, not urban. This has no place in an urban environment.

Lillie: Please don't consider Lee Center for parking. Too much down there now and with all the work the neighborhood can't take any more. Fire and Police Dept. is down there.

Rich: Does Judy Noritake represent District 1 for Parks and Recreation? Yes. She doesn't support the Yates Garden Plan and OTC plan in District 1. Why is she for all the fields, but represents Old Town.

Judy Noritake: Will answer question. Serves at the pleasure of the Council and represents broad interests of the community and is not voted by the community.

"Polite public discourse"

Ms. White: This is so auto related and suburban and from outer space.

Closed public comments

Kirk: Ask work group to look at all the options. Can any of these be removed?

Theresa : Take A and B off.

Judy: Show of hands.

Julie: Represents federal panel of stakeholders and cannot comment on changing what is in 65% plan and that is how she must represent herself here. Her personal opinion is against fields, but can't do that in this capacity representing the stakeholders.

Kirk: Commends Julie for holding that position.

Ginny: Is there support to remove A and B from the rest of the committee?

Theresa: Are we voting?

Kirk: We must have some consensus agree to take something off the table.

Cathy: Remove C, seconded.

Ginny: Should it be removed? Two is support, but no further support.

Judy Noritake: Remove D and E because it is a diminution of existing field use.

Ginny: Is there support from the group?

Theresa: Objects because neighbors have unanimous consent to support Plan E.

Julie: Referring to the pale blue pages at table, responses on page three from public meeting summarizes "Votes" from last public meeting. We can't remove most popular based on these findings.

Ginny: Are there any that could be removed to get down to 3-4 for debate?

Jimmy: Two fields at Jones Point now. If people want to remove all fields, no compromise can be reached. We should determine that now if that is the case.

Ginny: You can go forward with more than one option, but is there middle ground?

Kathleen: What is your single preferred plan for each person, and what is each second alternative plan. Rather than eliminate backwards.

Kathleen. : Plan A closest to baseline plan.

Julie: Choose not to say anything. Does want to talk about wetlands.

Ginny: Staff not voting.

NPS: Cannot vote as final decision maker.

Judy: A

Ellen: Supports A

Theresa: Supports E, but feels that in lieu of one plan, a number should go to CC representing different views. We didn't ask speakers what they supported.

Ginny: We already have that information and plans haven't changed. Of the group that is giving direction to staff that will include public comment. This group seems to support A and the neighborhood supports E

Judy: Heard by more than one person that A is the closest to what CC supported.

Jim: Plan A.

Theresa: Different council and after Sept. 11. This group needs to visit the site before there is a vote to look at the bridge construction. It is very different than what it used to be from Royal St. to the water. Large area of cut trees and loss in parking. Report shouldn't go forward without consideration of neighbors. Permanent City parking will grow if realism is not put into plan. 50 spaces next to public gardens isn't needed.

Ginny: All neighbors views taken into account.

Kirk: Yvonne's concerns regarding parking will be brought forward and included in report. All concerns will be captured in CC report.

Ginny: Move on to parking.

Ellen: Parking will be green parking - elaborate please with specifics.

Kirk: A number of things are being considered. Green parking will be considered and must be engineered. And Bridge construction must be considered.

Judy: Photo in Germany shows where they do this all the time. Lessons learned and willing desire.

Ellen: Will the parking perimeters have natural landscape buffer for neighbors and sound barrier?

Kirk: Improving green infrastructure is an important consideration. These will be engineered and will be incorporated into park design.

Ginny: Space for parking in each of the drawing is big so that people can see them.

Theresa: The Yates Garden parking plan is not shown. Yates wanted parking parallel to community garden, not what is shown for parking.

Kirk: This will be included in CC report.

Theresa: Wants to see whatever we are going to give to CC.

Kirk: Give us copy and that is what we will use.

Theresa: Four members for A, one for E, and five did not vote. Lack of voice on the committee and represent who was on the committee. Sandbagged committee before it began. Not a fair balance here. Needs to be fair balance. This council will listen. Different council than 65%.

Kirk: City staff does not have a vote on the work group. Trying to get a consensus on options to go forward to CC and to capture information from public and task force members. Everything put on the record will go forward.

Theresa: Parking impacts on the neighborhood will not be shown. How many trees will be cut down.

Judy: We reached agreement. Plan A and E and plan D going forward, but not discussed other options to go forward.

Hist. Do you still need 40 spaces for smaller field?

Kirk: We see that number of parents and kids is relatively the same.

Ginny: Is there support to include D?

Julie: Yes

Kathleen: Neighbors seem to prefer E with D as a fallback plan. If we are looking at fallback plans, everyone's should be considered. Arch. Comm. Would be plan B because it is closer to approved plan.

Judy: We should give preferred plans to Council. Fallbacks will lead to all five going forward. Council's job will be to make the decision.

Theresa: D represents what is there now.

Kathleen: D is the compromise plan with zero sum for fields. Historical position is not supportive of this option.

Jim: Two fields at Jones Point now must be considered. Compromise in the dictionary - going from two to zero fields is not any sort of compromise. Outlandish perspective. Sympathetic to citizens, but this is not a neighborhood park, but a city park.

Ginny: Are we taking two forward?

Julie: Eight people interested in D as well as an entire civic association larger than Yates Gardens. In view of that, it is appropriate that this be included. Ms. Federico supported one small field.

Ginny: this will be in the public report.

Audience member asking permission to ask question.

Julie: Yes, may ask question.

Citizen: Confused about comments earlier about narrowing down alternatives. First Kirk said we needed consensus to take alternatives off table and now we are going with which scheme receives most support?

Kirk: Need ability to come to agreement to reduce # of schemes. Work group member to state preferred scheme.

Julie: Lack of continuity of comments.

Theresa: Public comments from public hearing need to be included to recommendation to council.

Ginny: Recommendations to council will include preferred work group options and public comment  
( A & E)

Julie: Parking issues need clarification. Stakeholders view: 80 or 100 not significant. Stakeholders agreed to no parking into wetlands. Yates garden plan improvement over Rec plan. Wetlands were to be enhanced and not removed. Parking alternatives presented not approved by stakeholders. Parking preference to as far west of the park.

Judy: Park/ Rec Comm. Recommendations. Accessible parking determined to be a need for access to park. Parking to be "green" (grass pavers). Parking along Royal Street w/ live hedge buffer for gardens. Parking should be further in the park for trail users and connections.

Theresa: How many trees will be removed for parking? Need to have answers.

Judy: Discussion w/ A. Vosper. Tree specimens exist, need to remain. Will need to locate specimens and work plans around them.

Theresa: How many compact and SUV spaces?

Ginny: This is a design issue. Too early in process to determine.

Theresa: Needs to be discussion between St. Mary's and Community gardens; both need to have

their input.

Kirk: Groups needs to discuss parking alternatives if there is a need for other alternatives than what is shown tonight.

Judy: Unless existing trees are located, it is difficult to ascertain specific parking location. Opinions about types of parking; 90 degree; locations like 25 spaces south of bridge should be discussed.

Kirk: Parking south of the bridge; discussed with Nick; VDOT.

Theresa : Their opinion?

Kirk: Would have loss of value of property to property owner.

Julie: District boundary line, parking to the southwest? Could be an option for parking.

NPS: Need to consider 80' security setback.

Judy: Is there consensus that head-on parking Royal Street be considered?

Theresa: Need to study issues with St. Mary's. Very active uses; balls go into streets.

Kirk: Discussion with St. Mary's re: parking/traffic has happened. Gardeners not included but will be.

Judy: Use head-on parking on Royal St. as an option to council? There is general agreement regarding no parking in the wetlands/park.

Theresa: Will parking on Royal St. benefit the soccer fields users?

Judy: Problem could be solved with a good drop-off.

Theresa: Then use the original Yates Garden parking plan

Ginny: Should we consider Yates Garden parking in plan? General parking themes: reduce amount of parking, provide alternate locations.

Ellen: Yes, include Royal St. parking.

Jim: Yes, consider on-street parking

Julie: On street parking would not provide visibility into park. Users may try to use access road. Need visibility and not lack of visibility for safety and security concerns. With street parking would not know who would use the park/users in the park.

Ginny: Impact of on street parking will impact safety issues. NPS input?

NPS: Safety will be an issue they will look at. Parking at edges of park will make it difficult for users to have access into park.

Theresa: Parking on Royal St. may impact other traffic flows in neighborhoods.

Ginny: Closing comments?

Kathleen: Consider minimizing parking into park. Might help to include all parking plans for clarification

Julie: Provide plans before recommendations go to council.

Kirk: Will provide draft to work group.

Judy: Better left for council, not work group.

NPS: Early Fall review most likely, not July.

Ellen: Provide parking options and A/E to council.

Theresa: Address parking on Royal Street, city employee parking, wetland issues. After 9/11 uses of park have changed. Tom Delorke passed away recently, hopes council members will listen to neighborhood and not repeat Windmill Hill/Lee St.

Jim: Work Group has been polarized from the beginning. To get to compromise, need respect and not fight for what each group wants. As long as Alexandria is becoming a better place we have not wasted our time. If it's not, we have.

Kirk: Have heard many viewpoints and concerns regarding traffic, St. Mary's , gardens, wetlands, neighborhoods. Will provide thorough/complete report to council addressing all concerns from work group meetings.

Audience: Will public comments and parking schemes be posted?

Aimee/Kirk: Post alternatives at Lee Center.

Julie: Traffic to Lee Center is bad. Thank you to an audience member.

Attendees:

Agnes Artemel  
Jean Antone  
Roger Blakely  
Rich Campbell  
Pam Cressey  
Laura Durham  
Lillie Finklea  
Poul Hertel  
Michael Hobbs  
Janice Magnuson  
Ron Kagawa  
Judy Lo  
Jim Lowenstein  
Richard Miller  
Agnes Palmer  
Joe Parimucha  
Deana Rhodaside  
Elliot Rhodaside  
Douglas Thurman  
Pat Troy  
Aimee Vosper  
Yvonne Weight  
Marianne Weitz  
Lillian White  
Reed Winslow

Work Group Members Attending:

Emily Baker  
Audrey Calhoun  
Julie Crenshaw  
Jean Federico  
Jim Gibson  
Kirk Kincannon  
Teresa Miller  
Judy Guse-Noritake  
Kathleen Pepper  
Ellen Stanton

The work group includes representatives of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Neighborhood Task Force Subcommittee, Park and Recreation Commission, Environmental Policy Commission, Youth Sports Advisory Committee, Archaeology Commission, Historic Alexandria Resource Commission, Jones Point Park Stakeholders Group and the National Park Service.

# Attachment 5

## Original Options

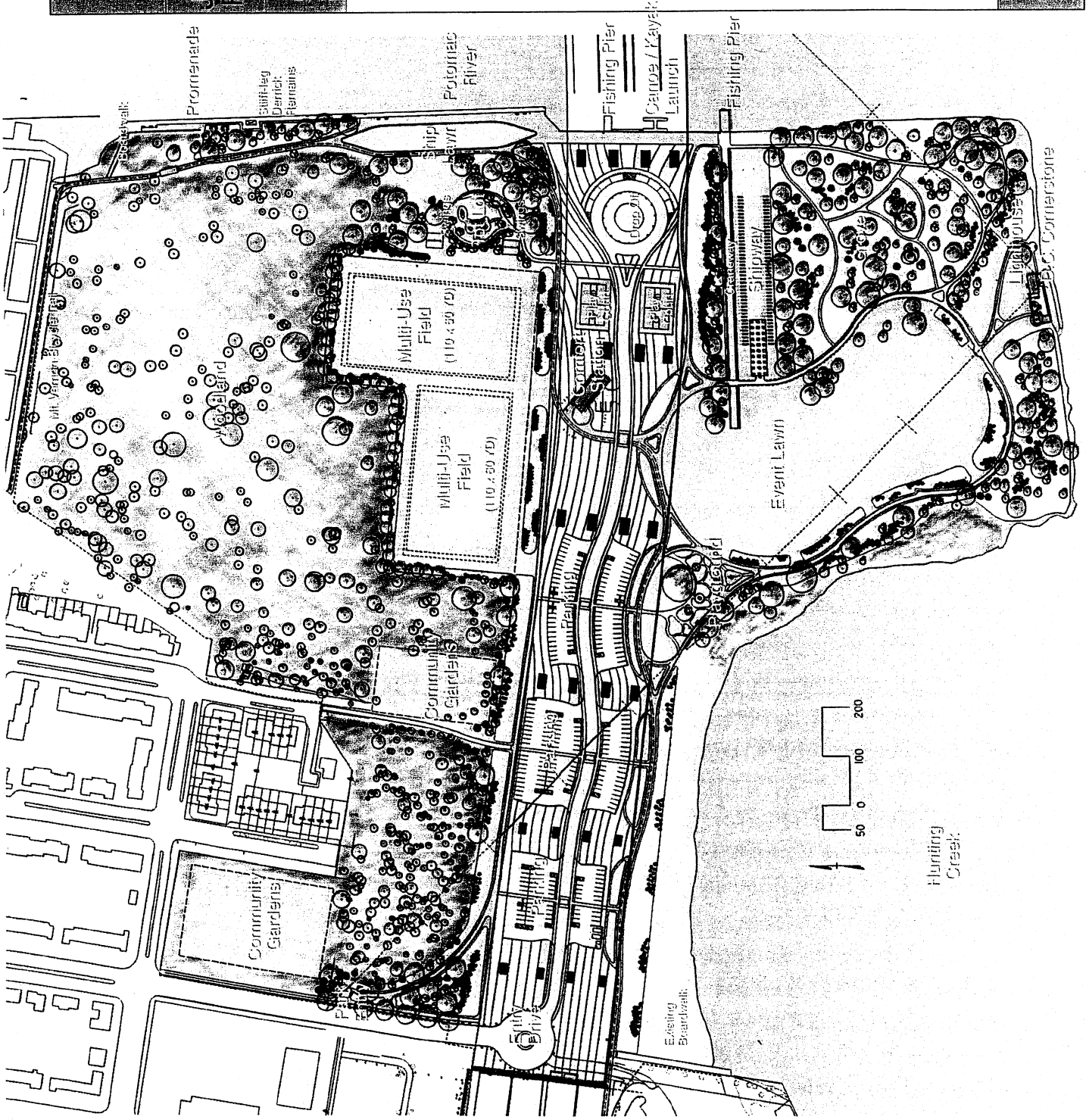


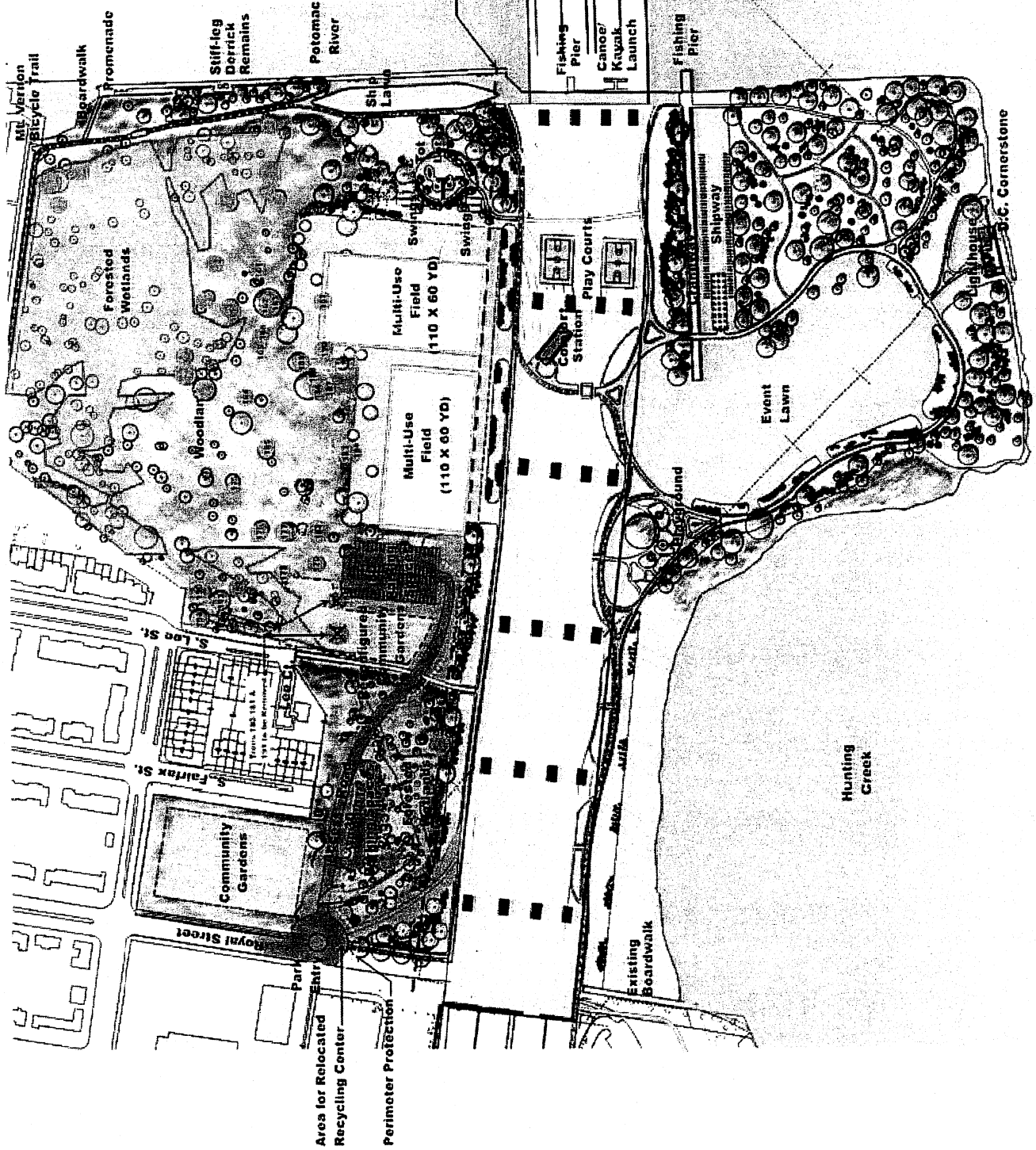
# JONES POINT PARK

## SITE PLAN

Original 65% Plan

November 1, 2001





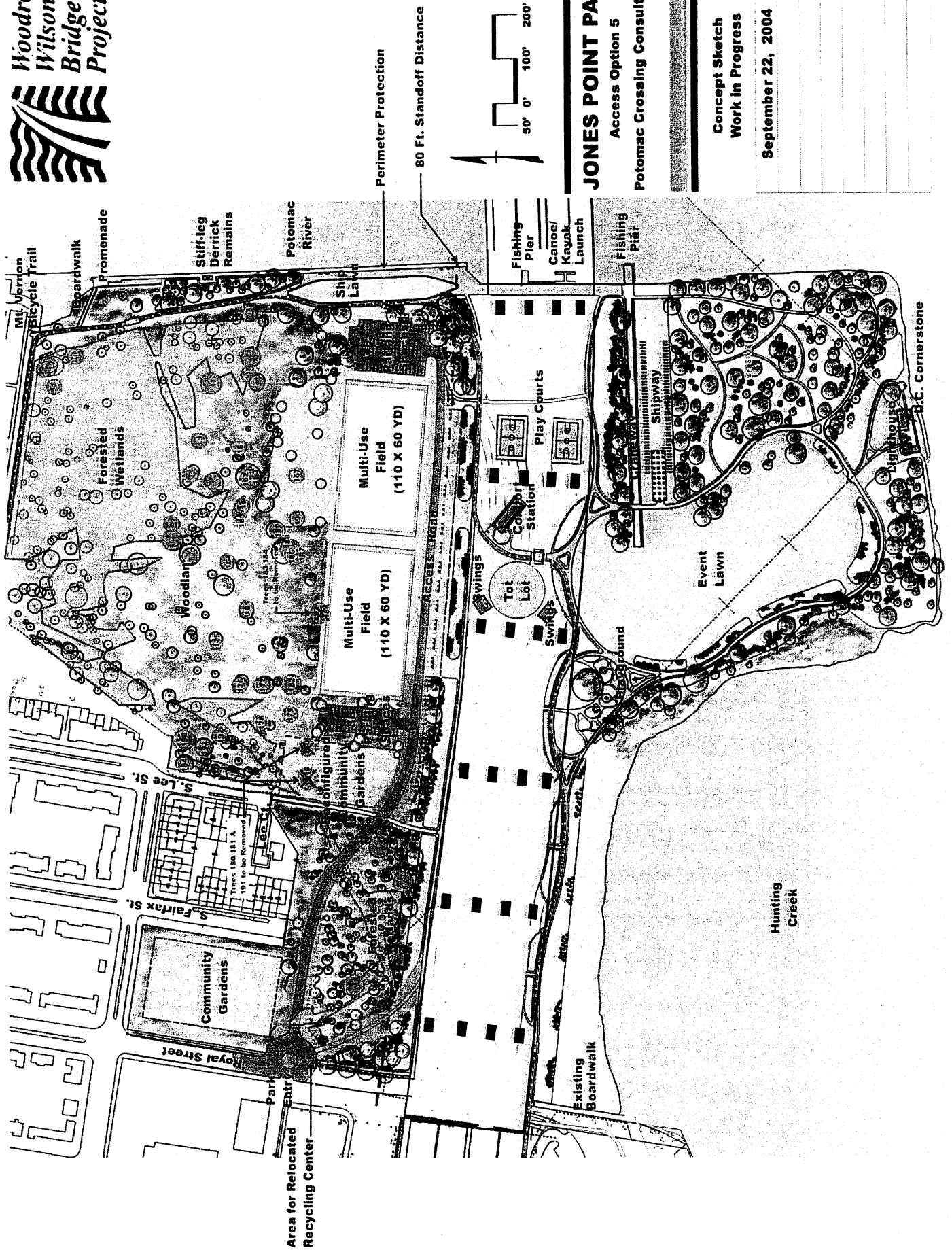
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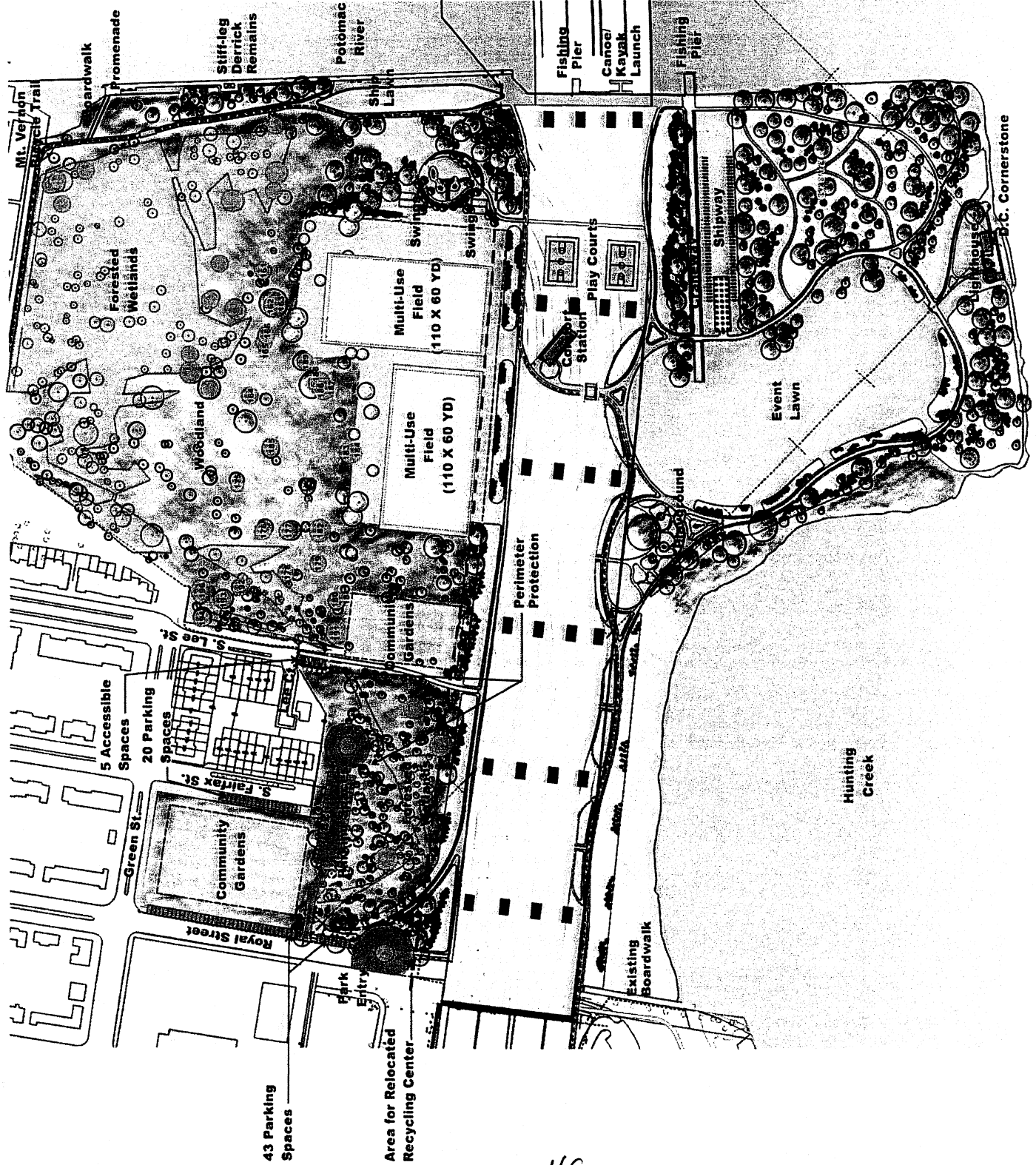
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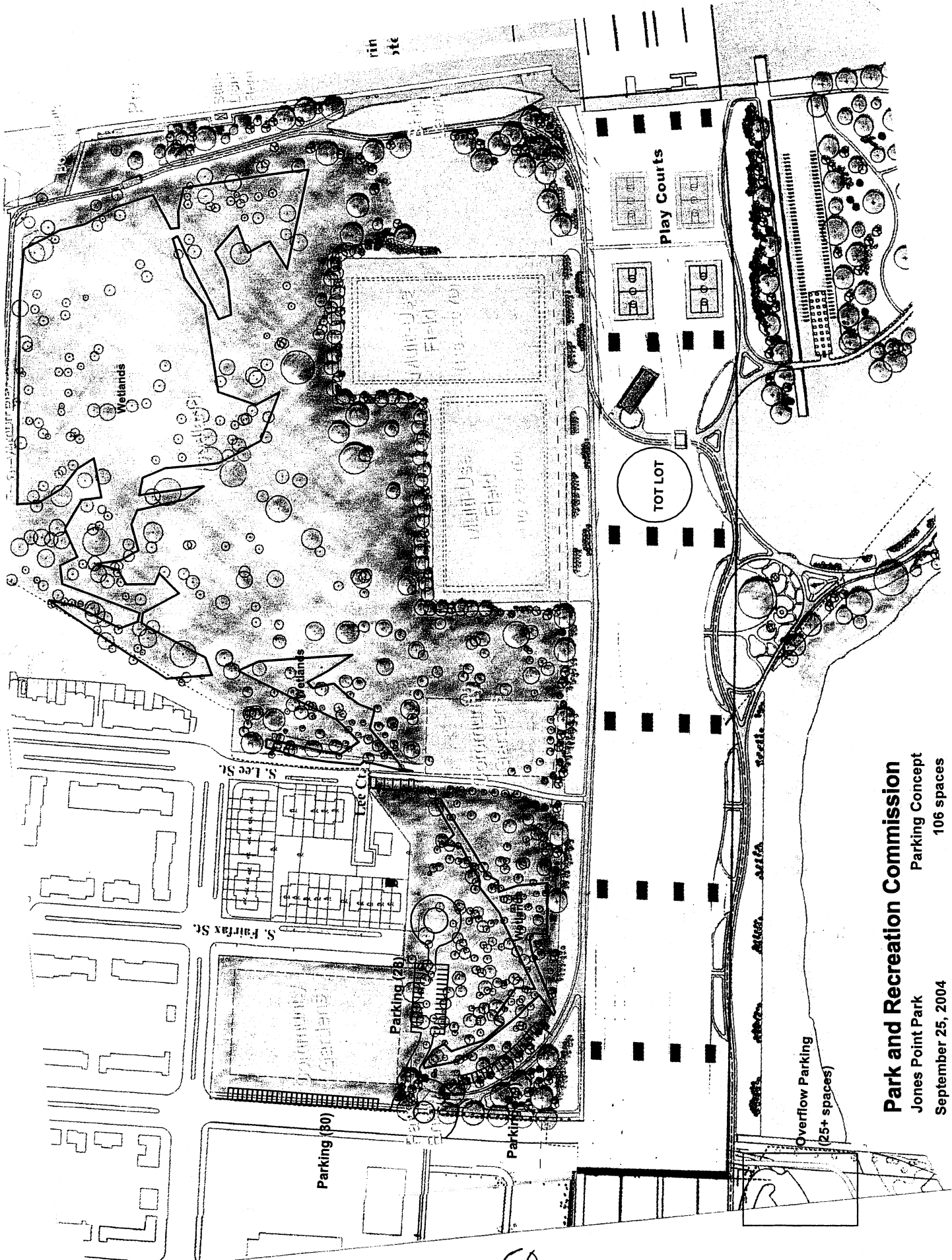
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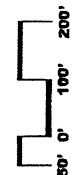
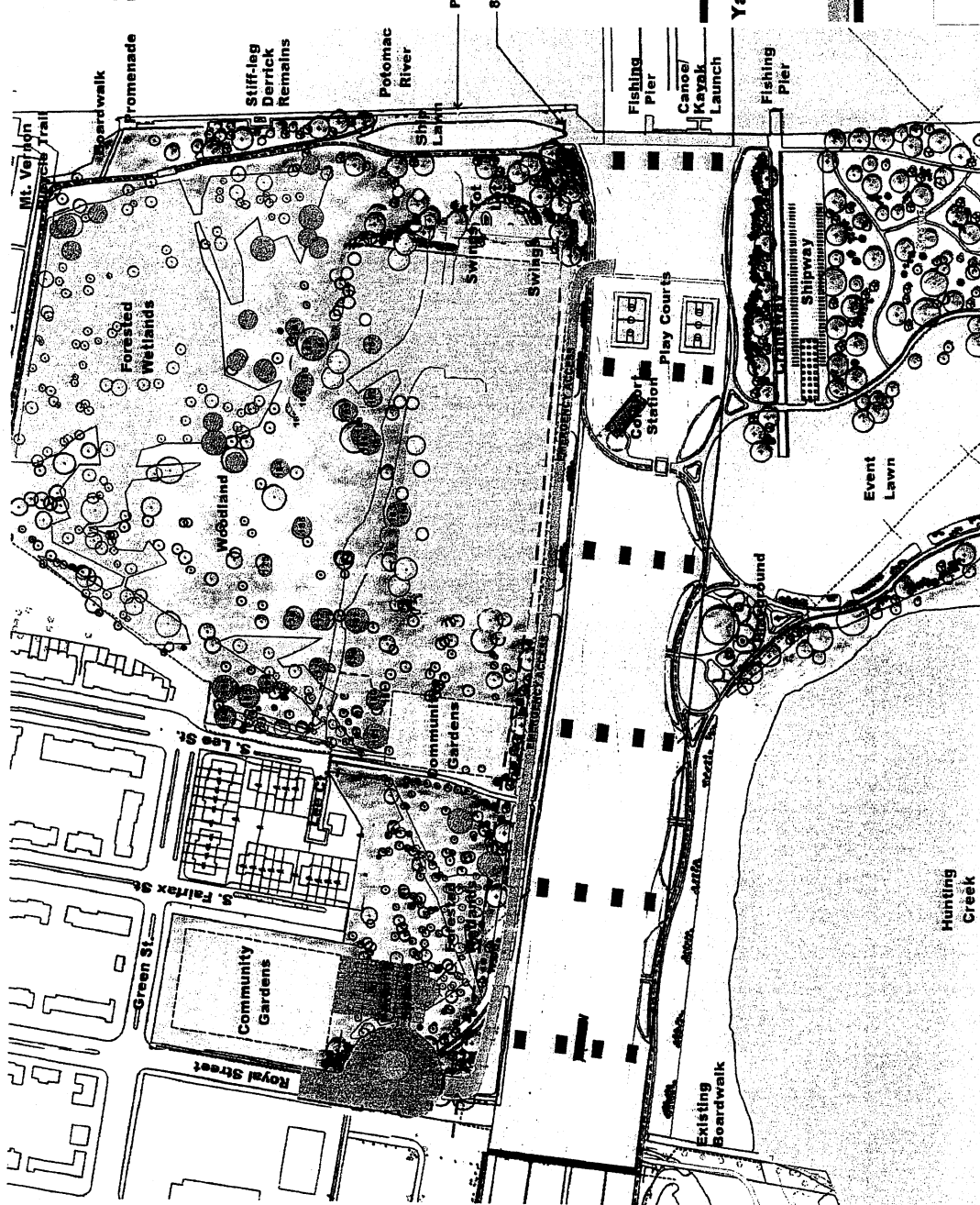
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**Park and Recreation Commission**  
 Jones Point Park  
 Parking Concept  
 106 spaces  
 September 25, 2004

# Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project

- NOTES:
1. PARKING LOT CONFIGURED TO AVOID WETLAND.
  2. PLAN INCLUDES ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ST. MARY'S CAR POOLS.
  3. PRIVATE VEHICLES NOT ALLOWED WITHIN 80 FT OF BRIDGE.

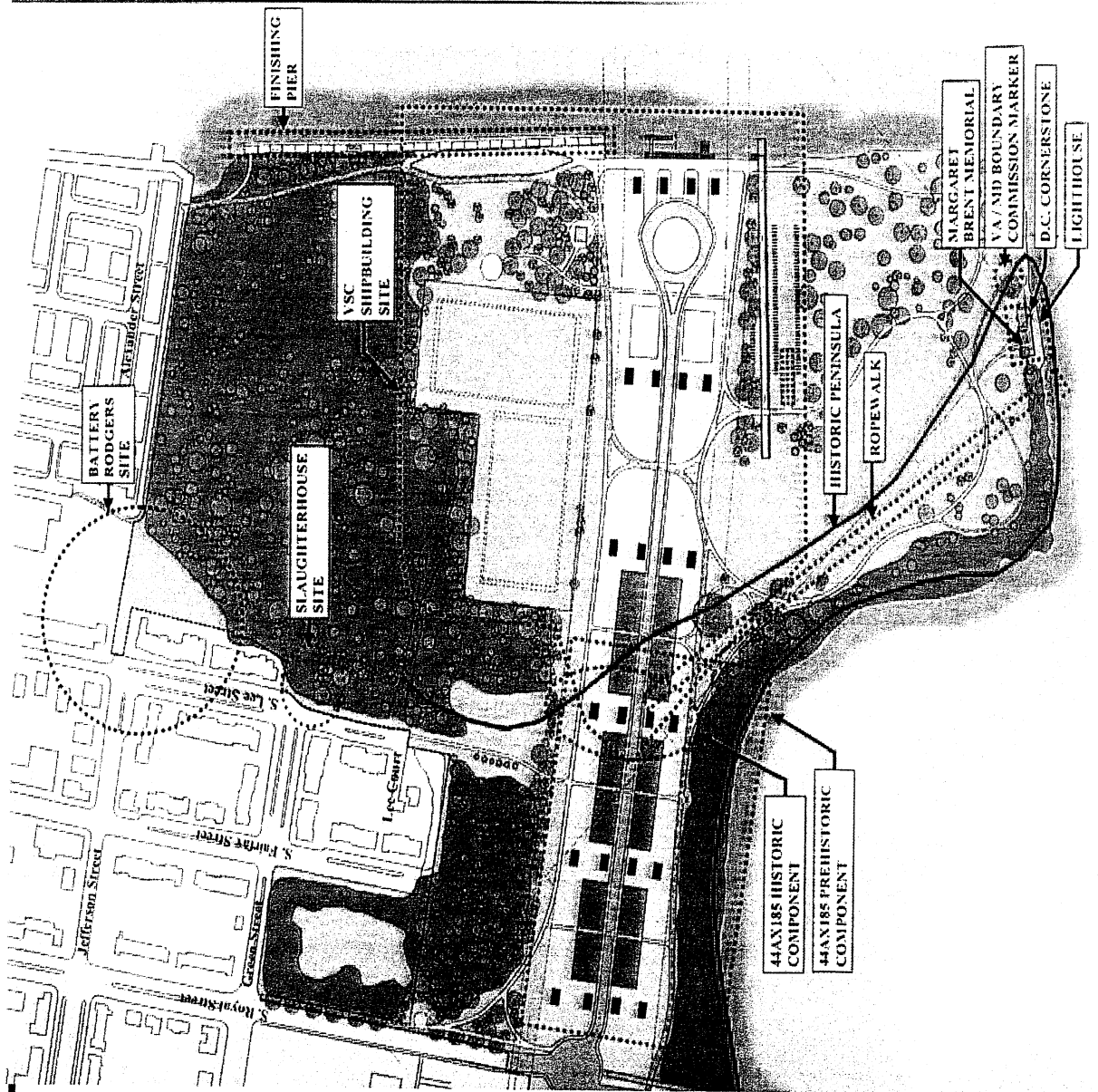


**Yates Gardens Civic Assn.**  
Jones Point Park  
Parking Concept

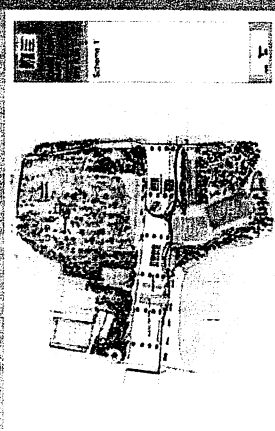
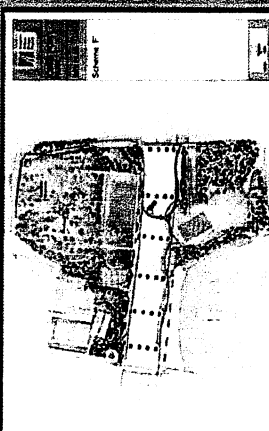
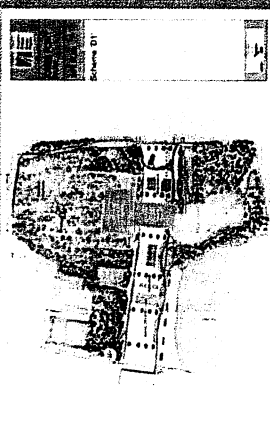
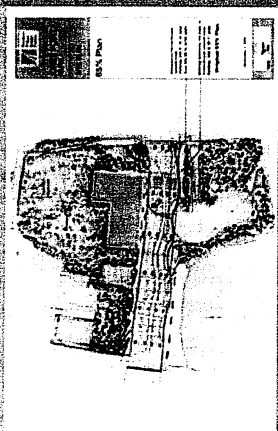
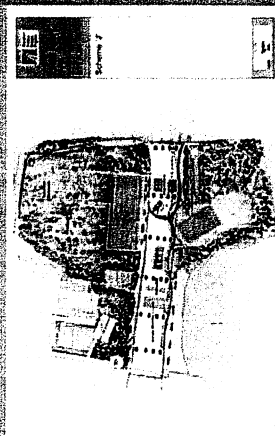
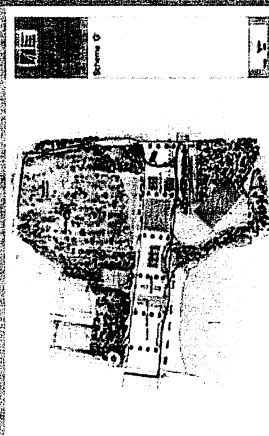
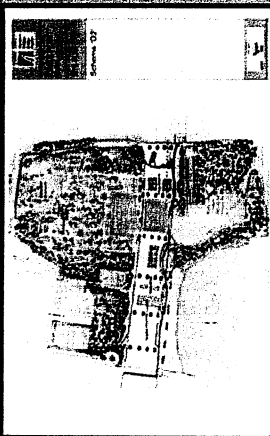
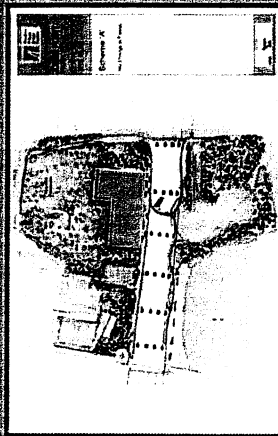
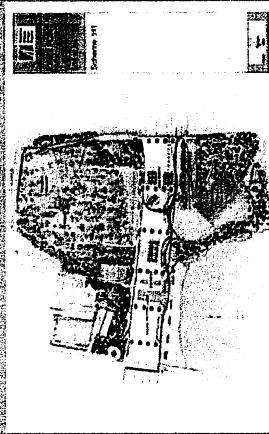
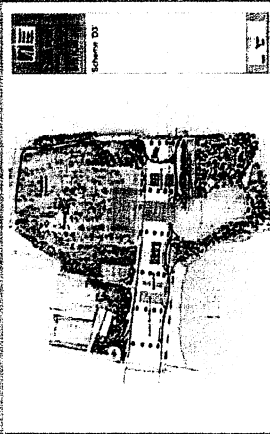
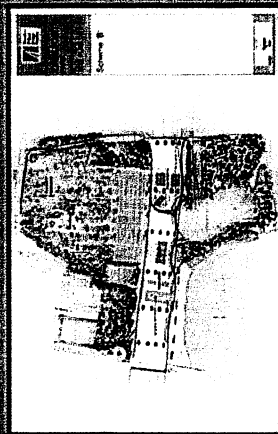
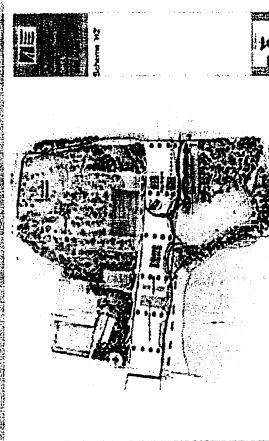
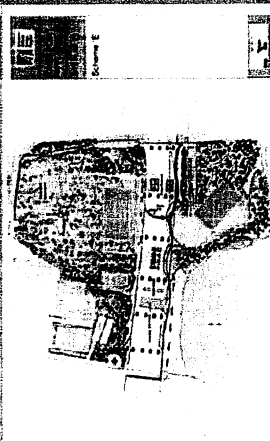
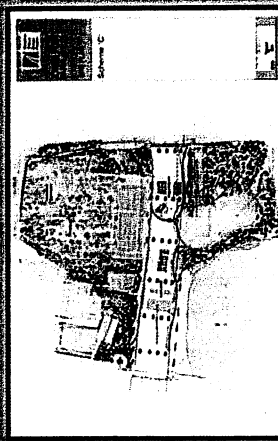
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# HISTORIC RESOURCES



**Attachment 6**  
**Option Board**  
**and**  
**Five Alternative Schemes**  
**(4/13/05 Meeting)**



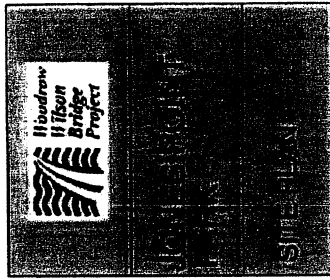
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Public Land Use Alternatives

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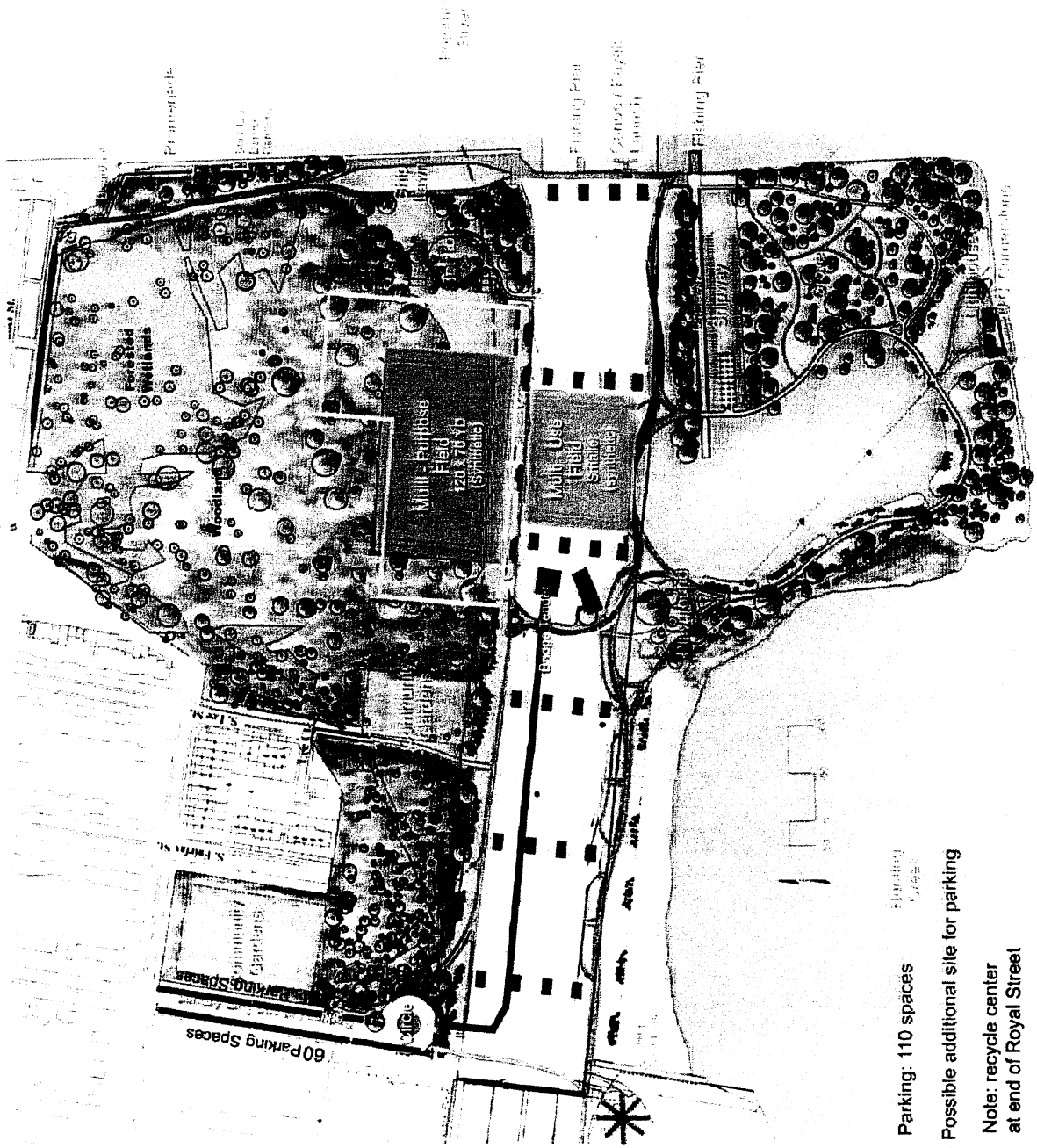








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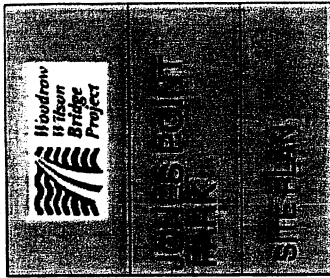


- Parking: 110 spaces
- Possible additional site for parking
- Note: recycle center at end of Royal Street



# Attachment 7

## 65% Plan and Five Updated Schemes



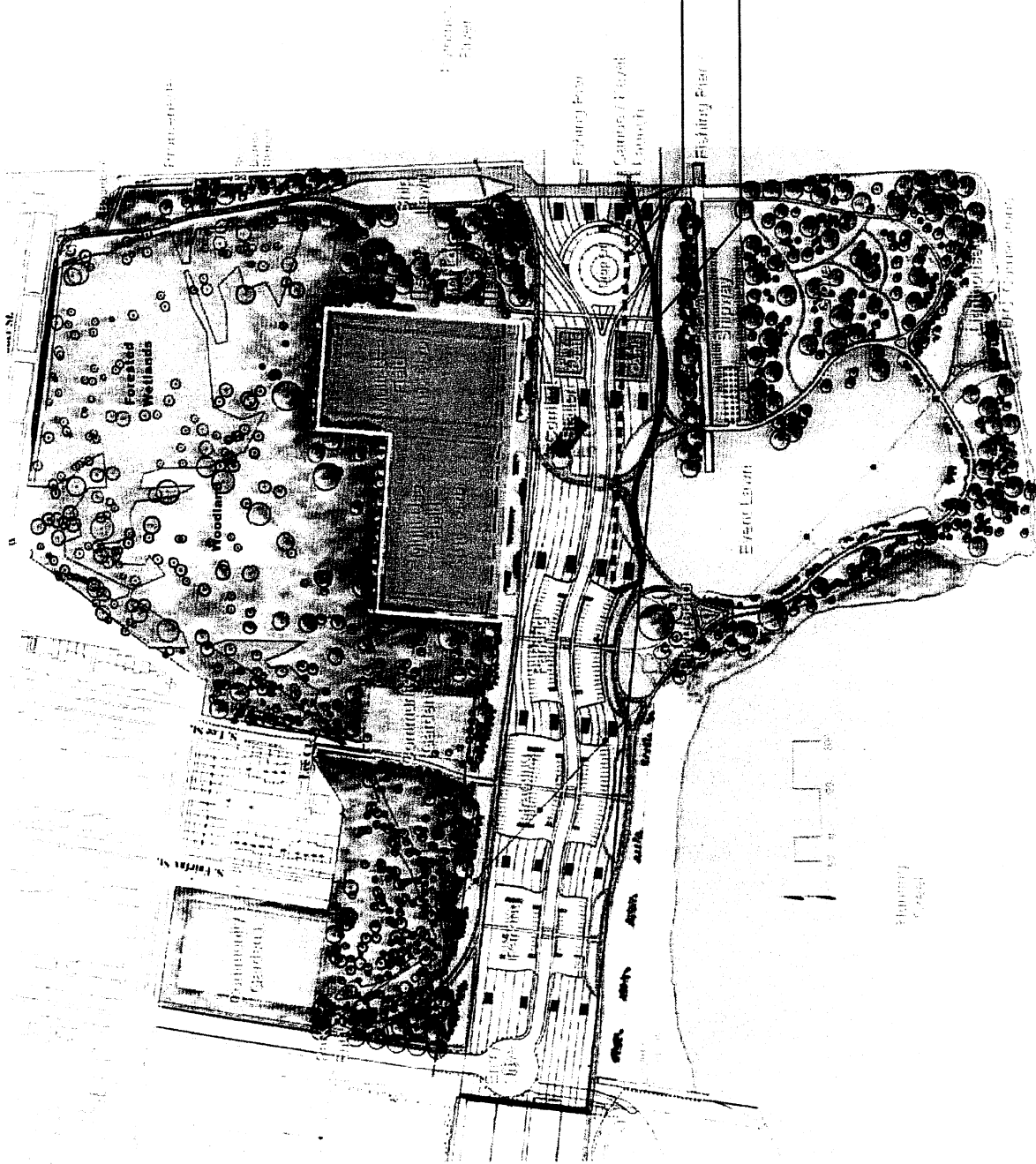
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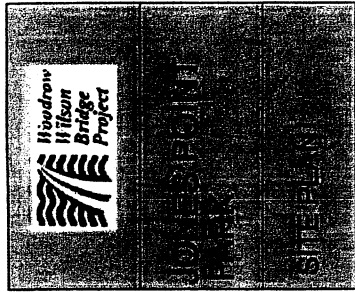
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Parking: 850 ft. (0.16 mile)  
Drop Off: 90 ft. (0.02 mile)

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Parking: 910 ft. (0.17 mile)

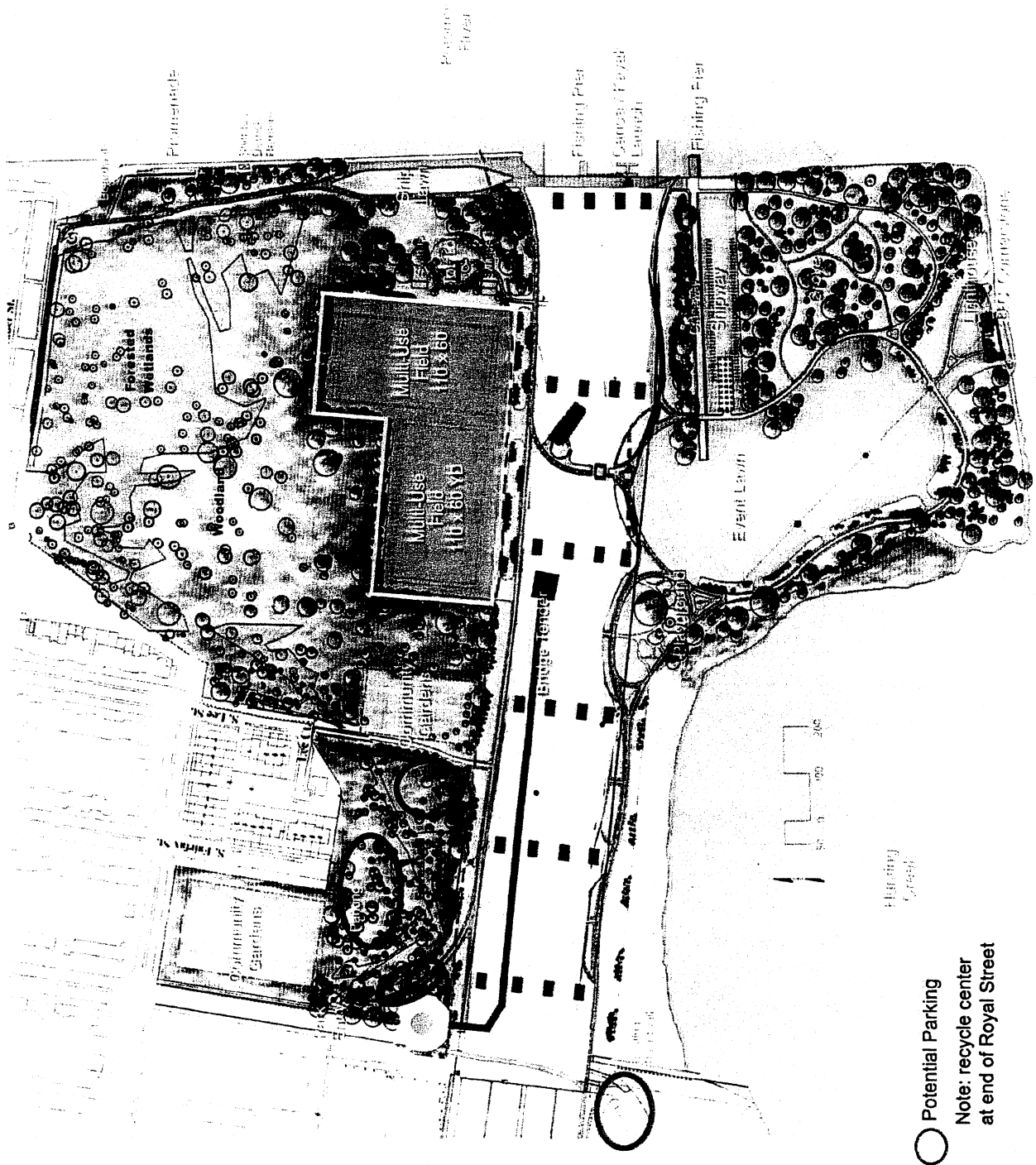
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November 1, 2001

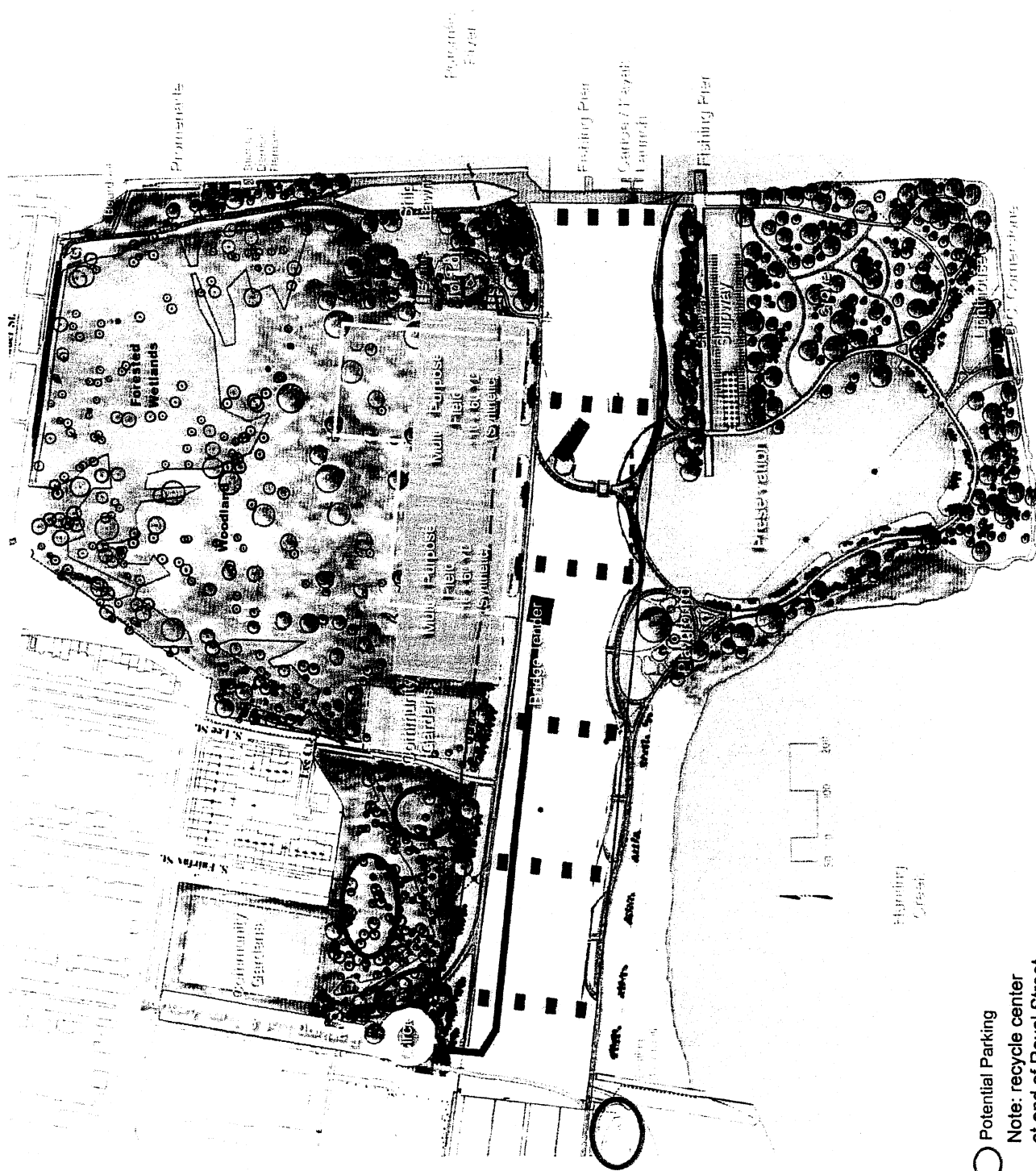




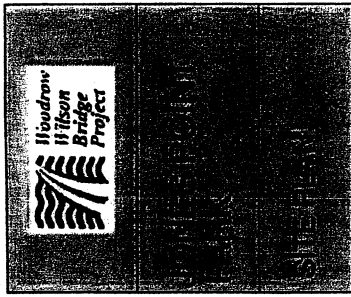
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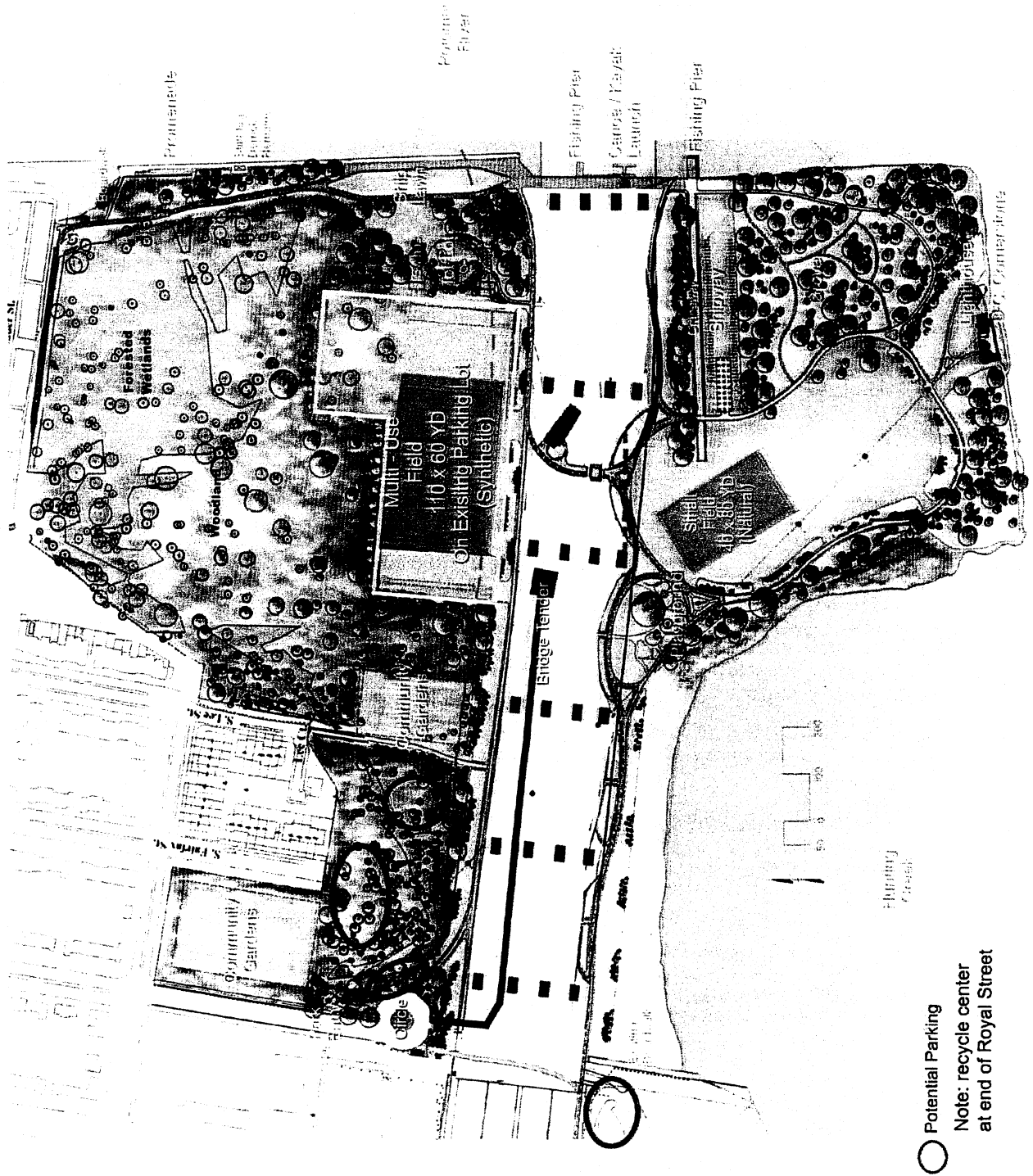
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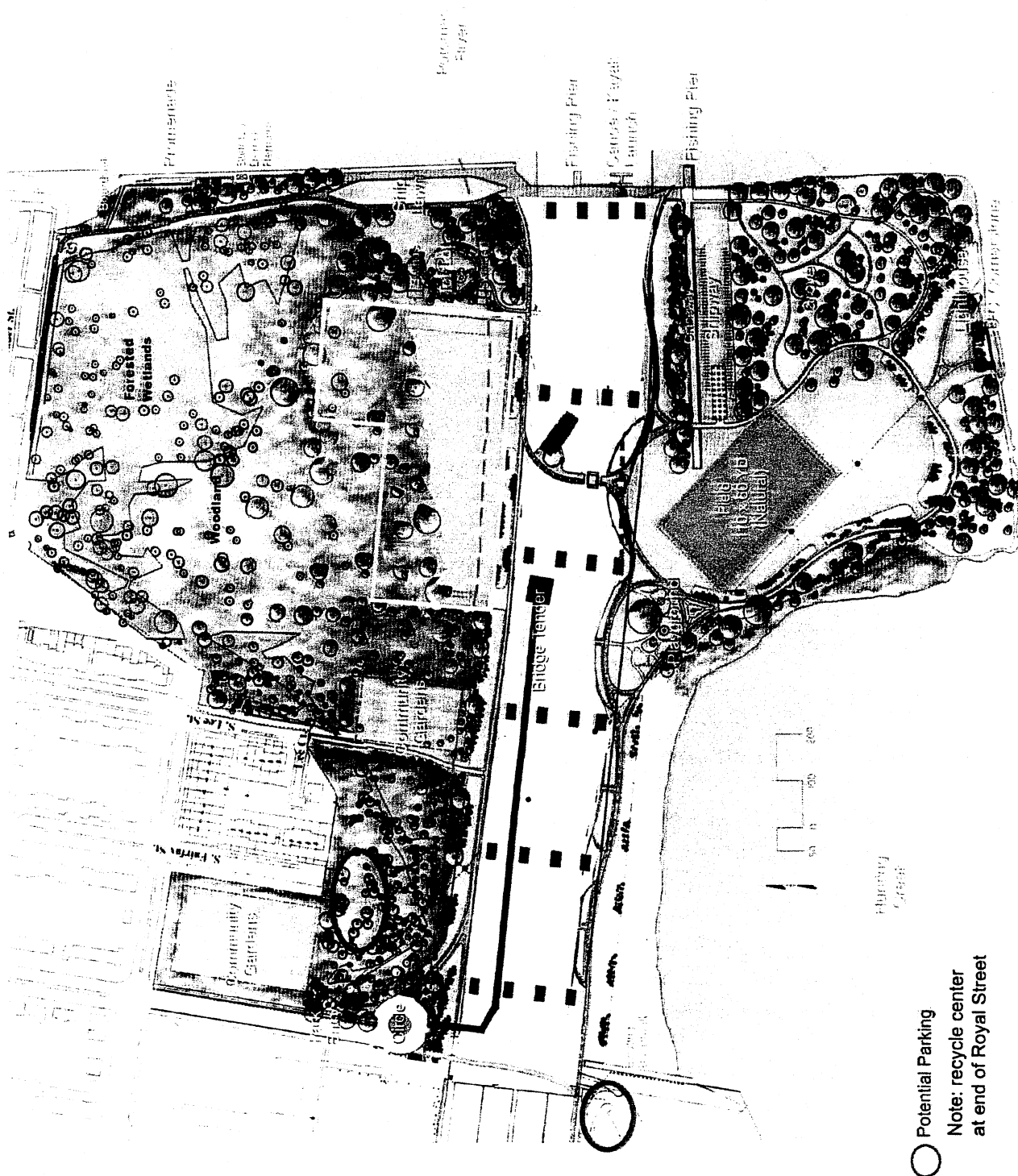


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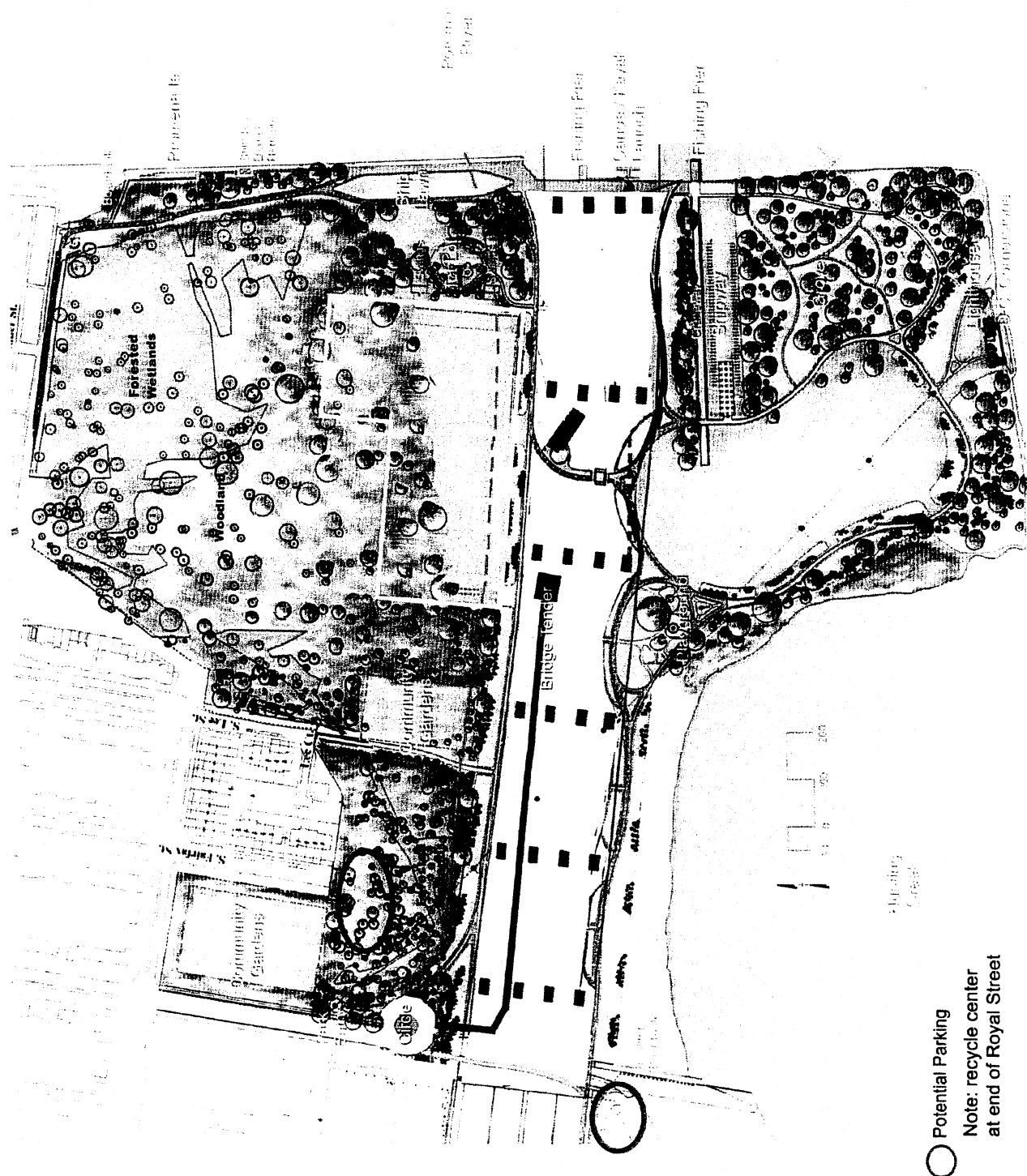


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## E-mails and Written Comments

(During Public Comment Period)



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To celeste.cox@alexandriava.gov

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Subject FW: Proposed Uses of Jones Point park

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From: campbellrichard@comcast.net

To: celeste.cox@alexandria.gov

Subject: Proposed Uses of Jones Point park

Date: Wed, 18 May 2005 01:58:59 +0000

Celeste,

As a resident of Old Town and a frequent passive user of Jones Point park I want to make my feelings clear as to the planned uses of the park in the future.

As 9/11 changed the way we live in many ways it also changed how Jones Point Park can and should be used in the future. First and foremost with the new laws and regulations that are in place parking under the bridge and therefore 240 parking spaces are no longer available to house traffic that originally proposed park uses would need. This alone would require that all original proposals for the park be reexamined.

As the uses of Jones Point Park are reexamined the following issues must be addressed:

1. Wetlands be protected.
2. The rights of the affected party of any new plan be protected. ie: Yates Garden Residents
3. Existing trees and woodland be protected.

All I can hope is that the Mayor and City Council will address these issues and come to the only logical conclusion that Jones Point Park be keep in its natural state as open, passive parkland.

Sincerely,

Richard & Dawn Campbell  
815 south Royal Street

To Commissioners, City of Alexandria, Park and Recreation Commission:

My name is Robert Moir, I live at 1641 Francis Hammond Parkway and I am the Commissioner of the Alexandria Lacrosse Club ("ALC"). The club successfully introduced a new field sport that attracts players from both the public and the private schools in the city. I am writing regarding field issues which threaten our growth and negatively impact the quality of life for families living in the City of Alexandria.

ALC was founded three years ago to provide young boys and girls the opportunity to play lacrosse in the competitive Northern Virginia Youth Lacrosse League ("NVYLL"). Of our 321 players, 298, or 93%, reside in the City of Alexandria and represent 237 tax-paying families. The club is 52% female. We are growing at a rate of 8% per year and support a scholarship program for families who can not pay the \$125 yearly registration fee. Non-residents are assessed an additional \$20 which in turn is paid to the City. At the request of the Parks and Recreation Department, ALC is closed to new non-city resident players.

Youth sports benefits the individual participant and are a tool that attracts new residents while retaining existing residents. Allegiance to local sports clubs equates to an allegiance to the community. Jones Point is a traditional venue for youth sports. There have been two fields south of the Wilson Bridge in use for years. Jones Point needs the two full-sized youth athletic fields as per agreement with the federal government and the Bridge authority to maintain the park's role as a facility for use by all Alexandrians.

We recommend the athletic fields be placed north of the bridge as dictated in the federal plan or upgraded to full-sized fields in the current location south of the bridge. Jones Point is an accessible and premier location in the city which needs to be developed to meet the needs of the entire community along with sustaining neighborhood uses. And, this community is short of full sized fields. Currently, we have seven of our sixteen teams practicing at either St. Stephen's and St. Agnes or Episcopal High School. This sends a negative message to public school players, many who already consider lacrosse a sport of the elite.

One out of six ALC players lives in the 22314 zip code. These kids need a field close to their home. As difficult as it can be to get to Old Town from other areas of the city, it is just as difficult for the children living in Old Town to travel to surrounding neighborhoods. They should not be penalized for living in a densely populated area when an option for open field space exists.

ALC, along with other youth sports organizations, is committed to protecting the investment in these fields. Their use should be restricted to permitted youth organizations recognized by the City's Parks and Recreation Department. The fields should be natural (grass) without lights. The fields and park area should be constantly monitored by an assigned ranger with the authority to enforce park and permit regulations including parking and animal control restrictions.

The adjoining neighborhood streets should be aggressively patrolled by City parking authorities on weekends and through out the summer. Traffic calming tables should be placed on

surrounding streets and dead ends should be created in the vicinity of the park to restrict traffic flow.

Along with monitoring of the field and park use, I also believe that access to and usage of the garden space be monitored. It was briefly noted at the end of the last hearing that "people come from as far as Mount Vernon to use the garden." The garden plots are part of the City's common land and should be restricted to neighborhood residents. Personally, I believe awarding families a life time garden plot is tantamount to a reverse taking. People choose to live in the Jones Point neighborhood and know the selection comes with little to no private yard. The gardeners are using common land for private enjoyment without reimbursing the City at a rate comparable to city tax rates.

I would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss these ideas.

Sincerely,

Robert K. Moir  
Commissioner, Alexandria Lacrosse Club  
1641 Francis Hammond Pkwy.  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
703-370-7834



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To <Celeste.Cox@Alexandriava.gov>

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Subject Citizen opinion

Ms. Cox; I hope it is not too late to weigh in in favor of Option A at Jones Point; Alexandria is already woefully short of available fields for all citizens. Thanks for hearing this. Charles Raasch, 3405 Saylor Place.

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I believe the ~~number~~ priorities should be to preserve Forest & wetlands and to also maintain community gardens.

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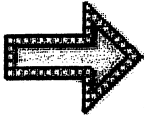
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The baseline plan seems fine

Name: Susan Prytherch

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## MEMORANDUM

TO

ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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February 18, 2005

AHRPC will be asked to present an opinion regarding the Jones Point Park Plan at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Meeting.

Enclosed are the materials which were presented at the stakeholders' meeting on February 16. We need to review the issues presented by Yates Gardens Civic Association and others relating to the new designs for parking.

Because of security issues, all parking had to be removed from under the Bridge. These plans show alternative arrangements for parking and the possible deletion of the playing fields. There are other possibilities besides simply doing away with all playing fields. Some may wish to place one of the playing fields in the area previously designated just for historic and environmental resources.

Commission members need to authorize a particular point of view and have it presented at the meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions, call Jean Federico at 703-838-4554.

March 17, 2005

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Members of City Council  
City Hall, 301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

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FR: **JEAN TAYLOR FEDERICO**

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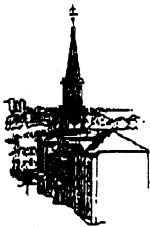
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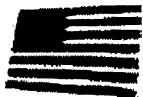
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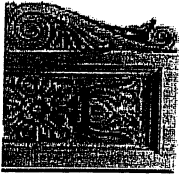


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will do.

Celeste Cox  
City of Alexandria  
Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities  
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"Carolyn Merck" <cmerck@comcast.net>



"Carolyn Merck"  
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Ms. Cox,

Attached in microsoft Word, is a written copy of the statement I gave on May 4, 2005, before the "hybrid" Jones Point Park Task Force at the George Washington Middle School.

Please include my written statement as part of the record of that meeting.

Thank you,

Carolyn Merck



phone: 703.549.5506 JPtPkto Task Force.doc

Carolyn Merck  
Statement before The Jones Point Park Task Force  
May 4, 2005, George Washington Middle School

Good evening members of the Task Force. I am Carolyn Merck and I have lived at 324 North Royal St. for over 30 years. I am the immediate past president of the Old Town Civic Association, and I endorse the statement the current president, Micheal Hobbs, has given this evening. I recommend "Option D" which would preclude athletic fields north of the new Woodrow Wilson Bridge, but would include one, or, if parking can be found, two children's sized fields on the south lawn.

We are here discussing how to spend federal "mitigation funds." I would note that the dictionary defines mitigate as "to lessen in force or intensity; to make less severe." This money is to be spent to mitigate the hugely invasive effect of the new world's widest bridge on Jones Point Park and the surrounding neighborhood. ***To create a new large complex of athletic fields would not mitigate the effect of the bridge on this area, it would exacerbate it.***

I consider a plan for children's sized natural playing fields to be a compromise proposal. It protects the undeveloped natural area north of the bridge but at the same time would continue to provide the children's fields that have been such an important component of life for families with children in the Old Town area for decades. My children played at Jones Point Park and enjoyed riding bikes with their friends and teammates to weekday practices there. Families with children old enough for team sports are virtually an endangered species in Old Town because they tend to move away when they perceive a need for more open space for children's play.

Reduced sized fields are strongly recommended by FIFA (Federations Internationale De Football Association), the organizations that establishes game rules and advises league administrators and coaches. According to FIFA guidelines, a field measuring 75 yards by 45 yards is ideal for use by players with an average age of 11. That is exactly the average age of the teams that have practiced and played at Jones Point Park for decades, and there is no reason there should be any change. I have worked with the park plans and have demonstrated that, using the appropriate scale, up to 2 fields of that size would fit on the south lawn. We are confident that adequate parking can be accommodated within the park for at least one field of this size.

A couple of weeks ago, Mike Hobbs and I met with Ms. Aimee Vosper of the Recreation and Parks Department to review to discuss the new park layout and the feasibility of alternative parking plans. We did this because ***we believe that before the size and intensity of the recreational features that are to be included in Jones Point Park are determined, the parking should be identified, NOT the other way around.*** In identifying parking, the key criteria should be: (a) spaces on residential public streets should not be counted as park parking, and (b) few if any trees should be felled and natural spaces should not be cleared to make space for parking.

Mike and I seriously questioned the Department's estimate that 40 spaces are necessary for each soccer field. *Thus, we asked for the data and assumptions on which that estimate was based.* Ms. Vosper said that Mr. Kincannon would provide us with that information. However, despite my repeated calls to the Department, we have not been provided with that data.

In summary, I strongly recommend that you choose Option D as a compromise among the other plans before you. That plans truly mitigates the effect of the bridge by preserving the park as it has been and continuing to provide playing fields for children.

Public Comment  
Regarding the Proposed Development of Jones Point Park

Submitted to

The City of Alexandria Working Group on Jones Point Park

Submitted by

Richard Miller  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Lee Street Community Gardens

In order to amply the concerns of my local neighborhood to the appropriate elected officials of the City of Alexandria, I respectfully submit this document as an extension of my remarks before the Working Group on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005, and request that it be provided in full to the Members of the City Council.

My name is Richard Miller and I reside at 808 South Lee Street in Alexandria, Virginia, along with my wife Teresa and son Wilson. I currently serve as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Lee Street Community Gardens which function under the authority of the U.S. Park Service.

My schedule permitted me to attend the Working Group's May 4<sup>th</sup> public meeting where I was afforded, along with other members of the public, an opportunity to briefly express my views regarding the various proposed development options for Jones Point Park. As a citizen concerned about the future of the park, I appreciated that opportunity

to express my views – despite my concerns regarding the composition of the Working Group, and my clear belief that a majority of Working Group Members hold fixed views in favor of locating athletic fields North of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge – a policy position which is clearly opposed by the vast majority of those residents living in close proximity to the park.

While I am not confident that the Working Group is organized in such a manner as to adequately represent the views of my local neighborhood, I do not wish to disparage the participation of any individual or group of individuals serving on the Working Group, nor any organization or constituency represented by the panel's members. Serving on such a committee is a public service, requiring a certain dedication of time and energy -- and such public service to the community should be respected and valued, as should the service of professional staff representing the City of Alexandria.

I wish to emphasize, however, that the Working Group is composed of individuals representing certain designated constituencies – and based on the interests of the constituencies represented and the known views of the Working Group Members, an impartial observer of the process might reasonably conclude that a Working Group recommendation or report weighed heavily in favor of locating athletic fields North of the bridge is virtually predetermined. I hope I am wrong with respect to my perceptions and analysis of the situation – and I further hope the Working Group's report to City Council will appropriately emphasize local neighborhood concerns regarding the park and will fully document the many arguments that have been raised against over-

development, including concerns regarding the size and location of proposed athletic fields and parking lots – and the related traffic impact on the local community.

## Constructing a Plan Based on Guiding Principles

In my view, the best way to develop the most appropriate and desirable plan for Jones Point Park, is for the deciding authorities to first adopt a set of sound and clearly articulated “guiding principles” for the park’s future development -- and then, following the adoption of those guiding principles, construct a plan that closely comports with them. I respectfully suggest the adoption of three Guiding Principles for this purpose:

### Principle #1: Minimize Further Damage to the Park:

The first principle should be: Do no further harm to the park. The park has already sustained substantial damage (*loss of trees and green space*) due to the construction of the new bridge span(s). Any plan for the future of the park should avoid adding to irreversible damage that has already been done. (*i.e. avoid the destruction of additional trees and loss of green space*)

### Principle #2: Avoid Radically Altering the Existing Character of the Park:

The park is a quiet and peaceful respite – geared primarily to passive recreation and the preservation of a “natural” woodland setting. It should not be over developed. It should not be turned into a theme

park, regional sports facility or other type of use that would substantially alter the current character of the park. Asphalt should not replace green space -- and trees should not be cut down to accommodate new features, structures and amenities.

Principle #3: Deference to Local Neighborhood Concerns:

As Jones Point Park is federal land, it is appropriate to receive input and advice from a wide variety of parties – however, deference and added weight should be given to the concerns expressed by the communities most greatly affected by the bridge construction and park design on a day to day basis (i.e. the surrounding neighborhoods of Yates Gardens, Hunting Towers and St. Mary's School)

Comments offered during the Working Group's May 4<sup>th</sup> public hearing in favor of continuing to maintain one or two youth-sized athletic fields South of the bridge, suggest the merits of adopting a possible Fourth Guiding Principle:

Principle#4: Attempt to Maintain Existing Amenities/Features:

Planners should make an effort to take no existing (*traditional use*) amenity or feature away from current users and visitors to the park.

*(i.e. community gardens, fields for athletic and special events use  
South of the existing bridge, reasonable access to the waterfront,  
and limited parking)*

## A Balanced Adherence to Appropriate Guiding Principles Will Produce the Right Plan

A carefully balanced adherence to a sound set of guiding principles – *principles that respect the character of the park, recognize the existence of legitimate environmental concerns, and are appropriately sensitive to the concerns of the neighborhoods that will be most impacted* -- should result in a plan that:

- Would prohibit locating athletic fields North of the bridge. Locating athletic fields in this location would encroach on the wetlands; would require the cutting down of additional trees; would present potential noise problems for nearby homes; would induce demand for locating expanded parking lots North of the bridge. Permitting even one field in the environmentally sensitive area North of the bridge would set a harmful precedent that could easily encourage, at some point in the future, expanded development in this area -- including the location of additional fields (*baseball diamonds, etc.*) and possibly lighted fields to accommodate nighttime activities.

- Would continue to allow soccer playing and special event use on the two fields currently located South of the bridge. Use of these fields for soccer and special event activities is an existing "traditional use" park amenity.
- Would preserve both community gardens (*Royal and Lee Street Gardens*). The gardens would not be replaced with parking lots or bisected by new roads. The community gardens are a "traditional use" amenity that should not be taken away.
- Would maintain reasonable waterfront access.
- In keeping with local neighborhood concerns -- *and to limit the cutting of trees and potential damage to the wetlands* -- parking would be limited to approximately 50 spaces. This approximates the level of designated parking that existed in the park prior to the new bridge construction. Location of parking would be consistent with the Yates Gardens Community plan.
- In keeping with local neighborhood concerns, additional parking spaces on Royal and Lee streets would not be permitted.
- Location of the recycling center would not be placed on Lee or Fairfax streets as shown in some VDOT development plans – but would remain close to its present location.
- The essential character of the park would be maintained. Efforts would be made to minimize any further damage to the park (*example: cutting down of trees*).

Traditional uses of the park would be encouraged. Non-traditional uses would not. *(i.e. batting cages, skate parks, etc., and non-traditional structures would not be added).*

- Improvements to the waterfront, particularly to the shoreline near Fords Landing, would help avoid the accumulation of trash and debris.
- The right plan would generally defer to local neighborhood concerns/desires regarding any issue not specifically specified in this document.

I thank in advance, the Working Group Members, Professional city staff, and Members of the City Council for their consideration of the views I have expressed in this document. In conclusion, I note that the views that I have expressed are my own – and I do not purport to formally represent any official body, group of individuals, or organization in offering them. I do believe, however, that the views I have expressed are substantially in keeping with the views held by the overwhelming vast majority of those local citizens in my neighborhood who have taken an active interest in the future of Jones Point Park and the two community gardens located there, and are a fair reflection of them.

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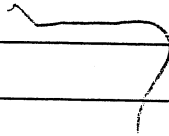
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Love it! The fields should run  
end to end.

~~When you run across the fields you can see the water~~



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

5/4/05(Jones Point Park Public Hearing)

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# Scheme E

This proposal is by far the most neighborhood-friendly. The other plans would increase traffic on local streets, as they involve large playing fields. These fields would be heavily used by non-Alexandria residents, due to their close proximity to major routes into Fairfax County.

Name: Kevin H. Rosey

Address: 507 Carlisle Drive, Alexandria

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: 703.535.3367

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# "E"

Let's have the owners of the  
property near the Park be given  
a quote - Realize this won't  
happen but it should !!

Name: O'Rourke J.K.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: 703 360 6849

A tax payer of Alex. to a tune of apparently

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JK.

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# School

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Subject Jones Point Park

While many have spoken about the effect of 9/11 on Jones Point Park planning and many have talked about active versus passive uses, the preservation of trees and the need to avoid causing a huge neighborhood disruption, there is a lack of solid data to support just how many fields are needed in Alexandria.

Many parents have talked about needing more fields. What is the accurate count? And how many of these parents refuse to send their children to our public schools and yet want to have public soccer and other athletic fields? How many are asking their private schools to provide these fields? These data need to be part of any decision process on how many more public fields we really need in Alexandria. In effect, who has collected these data?

As to the issue of how many parking spaces are needed in Jones Point Park, isn't it time that Old Town Alexandria be seen for what it really is? A dense urban city. Therefore, it is time to become progressive and plan accordingly. That means to share all resources, and it also means to minimize dependence on the automobile to get around the city. Therefore, parking should be limited to 20 spaces, five of which to be reserved for handicapped and the remaining 15 with three-hour limits. There should be many bicycle racks, a school bus parking space and room for Dash drop-off with weather protector. Free Dash service should be available on weekends for bring parents and children and all others to Jones Point Park on weekends.

The effect on neighborhoods can be ameliorated by use of residential parking stickers, which work well near Founders Park. Neither Oronoco Bay or Founders Park have dedicated parking spaces and both are heavily used by both visitors and residents. This model should be applied to Jones Point Park with only one small athletic field placed there.

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Subject Jones Point, written statement

Dear Ms Cox,

I would like to submit a written statement about the recreational use of Jones Point, following up on the statement I made to the Task Force at the May 4, 2005 Public Meeting.

Dear Members of the Task Force,

Thank you for taking our comments regarding Jones Point. My name is James McCall. I am a long-time Alexandria resident and a frequent user of Jones Point, visiting at least three times a week. I live at 537 South Fairfax, and am not a direct neighbor of the park, thus my comments are not directed so much at the immediate impact upon myself as they are at what I see as the "best use" of a dwindling and irreplaceable resource for all Alexandria.

I would first like to re-emphasize what some other commentators have raised: most of the original plans for Jones Point were made prior to 9/11 and the security changes required for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Before 9/11, the new, wide footprint of bridge itself had already severely damaged the park and constricted our options for its future use. It would already have been difficult to shoehorn in all the ambitious suggestions in that limited space. However, as you are well aware, the new security requirements further hampered any plans, as the existing City employee parking area had to be moved from under the bridge, along with parking for Jones Point patrons. Parking remains the Achilles Heel of Jones Point. There will not be enough spaces for both City and public use, and some sort of compromise will have to be reached, a compromise that will limit the number of cars that can park at the Point on any given day. This in turn dictates a lower intensity use of the park.

Moving parking elsewhere in the Jones Point area, as currently envisioned, itself is unwise and detrimental to the value of the park itself. It will only increase the portion of the park buried under pavement, and thus will be open space lost forever. Furthermore, the parking spillover to the neighborhood, itself a high-density area, is an unfair disruption and a permanent degradation of the quality of life for an area that is already shouldering the full burden of the expanded Woodrow Wilson Bridge. You would be slamming these people a second time. The funds for Jones Point were to be spent on reducing the impact of the Bridge, not exacerbating that impact.

My second point reflects the unique contribution of Jones Point to Alexandria parks, and its special value to Alexandrians. Although the park is largely fill, and second growth woods on a former industrial site, it is a good example of the possibilities of reclamation in an urban area. We are fortunate, even if it was by accident. Even with non-native species (which in fact could -- should -- be thinned or replaced, and without much trouble), its woodland setting, with paths and water, has become a rare oasis in Alexandria, and a local escape for all Alexandrians. It is already a well-visited multi-use park, welcoming a broad swath of people who enjoy the contemplative environment, the closest we have left in Old Town to a "natural" setting. In fact, the value of the setting, a throwback to what the area might have been like decades ago, is itself a major attraction and value of Jones Point as we now know it. Passive use of this space is as valid an option as active use. In addition, this unique type of passive use should encourage you to seek its preservation. There are many other sites in Alexandria that can be adapted to better or more intense active use. There are not others that already present themselves as such a rare open space asset. If we pave over and spread sports fields across Jones Point and its wetlands, we are irretrievably destroying a

valuable open space asset, one that itself should be better promoted and understood as it already is.

As a historian by training, with a strong local interest as well, I am well aware of the various past uses of what is now Jones Point. For that reason alone, I take a very long view of the park and its potential. I have strongly supported the proposals for interpretive uses, both for teaching our history (in all forms) and for showcasing the ecological/environmental assets of the park. This is unique opportunity for the Task Force to embrace the potential of the park as something different in our City, and not to turn it into just another set of playing fields surrounded by parking and leftover clutches of trees in a manicured setting. Let's capitalize on what it is and can be, not destroy it.

Finally, I would like to address the question of whose voices are important to hear in these debates. All parks belong to all Alexandrians, but there are local use priorities, especially as not all Alexandrians use all parks. There has been a frequent demand that east side parks be treated as "destination parks" and that local existing use and value is secondary. In addition, there has been a very hostile wave of accusations that local objections to "destination parks" is nothing more than selfish nimbysm. In truth, local use should always be a top priority everywhere in Alexandria. I should point out that Jones Point already is a destination park as a passive use park, for its DAILY patrons come from not only across Alexandria, but Fairfax County. Even so, that does not mean local needs and priorities should be pushed aside.

Open space and quality of life issues are the bread and butter of urban life in any community. Why should the people of Old Town be denied the same rights and consideration as people elsewhere? We use our parks, probably more intensely than do other neighborhoods for the simple reason that we are so overbuilt. The Council in the past has been short-sighted in preserving or creating open space. It has set a higher priority on increasing tax revenue through development, and continues to do so. For that reason, dwindling open space, or the misuse of existing open space, is a hot issue for us. This is not elitism (and if you look at who is using Jones Point you can see it is not), or anti-anybody. We know what kinds of local open space assets we need and value. An open, passive use Jones Point is extremely important to our neighborhood. Additional playing fields is not a high priority.

I would point out that the turn out at the May 4th meeting, and the profile of the commentators reveals an interesting breakdown. The majority of those who spoke did not want Jones Point to be primarily active use, and in fact were pushing one or no playing fields. Furthermore, the vast majority of those in favor of increasing the active use, playing fields option are from elsewhere in Alexandria. They are not bearing the burden of the Bridge, or of losing the best passive park we have in Old Town. The most vociferous advocates of the playing fields were, not surprisingly, the soccer coaches who have a vested interest in expanding facilities for their teams. There are other locations available for such fields without destroying Jones Point.

In summary, this is not an either/or proposition. Not building playing fields on this particular space is not depriving children of sports, that can easily be accomplished elsewhere. Clearing Jones Point, even partially, IS depriving a substantial user base (local and area) of the park of the recreation THEY need. There is no reason to pursue further destruction of Jones Point. There are other, better options.

Again, consider the true best use of this particular parcel of land, what it offers Alexandria, and the future cost of destroying it. I strongly oppose adding playing fields to Jones Point.

Thank you for your service to our Community, and for hearing me.

James McCall



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Subject Comments on Jones Point Park Plan

Dear Mr. Kincannon,

Due to business travel commitments, I was unable to attend the May 4, 2005 meeting regarding Jones Point Park. I wish to submit the following comments to the hearing record.

My name is Michael Neilson and I submit these comments on behalf of myself, my wife Susan, my son Timothy and my daughter Sara. We are citizens of Alexandria and homeowners and tax payers located at 4110 Fort Worth Place, Alexandria, Virginia.

My children are now at TC Williams High School and have moved beyond the youth sports programs, but participated in youth sports as they have grown up in our city. Also, I have participated, and continue to participate, as a youth sports volunteer and coach in City programs. These programs are important to the health and development of our children in the City of Alexandria. As a taxpayer, I want all our children to continue to have the opportunities that my children have enjoyed to participate in the full range of youth sports. These programs are important to making Alexandria a family friendly environment.

Mr. Kincannon, as you know, your Department does not presently have the field resources that it needs to meet the needs of our children. Our city is not meeting the existing needs for youth sports, despite the very best efforts of your personnel. There is no substitute for having fields to meet these needs.

The "65%" plan approved for Jones Point, a number of years ago, would maintain two new full size athletic fields at this park location. These fields are essential for meeting the needs of youth sports. I would note that the characterization of these fields, by their opponents, as "adult fields" is an inaccurate piece of politicking by the immediate neighbors to these fields. Full size fields are essential to youth sports and the existing and unmet needs for these programs. We need these "full size" fields to meet the needs of youth sports and we cannot afford to lose either of the two previously approved fields (in the 65% plan) because this would mean that the City's current and on going failure to meet the needs of youth sports would become an even more acute failure than it already is.

For these reasons, the most appropriate plan for Jones Point is : "Scheme A, " as presented on May 4. This adheres most closely to the 65% Plan which has been found acceptable under the National Environmental Policy Act and the Environmental Impact Statement that has been prepared under that law. Alternatively, Scheme "B" also provides two full size athletic fields and would seem acceptable. Any thing less is not acceptable to meeting the City's youth sports' program needs.

Any other alternative can only be considered an anti-child and anti-family choice. The families in the City of Alexandria MUST have these fields for their needs to be met and to promote the healthy and sound development of our children.

It is unfortunate that there is any controversy about two full size athletic fields at Jones Point. I must be quite blunt about the opposition to these fields. There is no valid basis for opposing these fields. The simple fact is that a very small group of very well off citizens are trying to claim exclusive use of a 50 acre park to the detriment of the many citizens of our city who are entitled to use it. This is a case of the "not in my back yard activists" trying to hurt children of all income groups who need athletic fields. I reiterate: the failure to include two full size athletic fields at Jones Point would be anti-children and anti-family. If the City does not include AT LEAST two full size athletic fields at Jones Point (frankly, we should be thinking

about more fields), then it would be appropriate to question whether the City Council is at all concerned with the needs of our citizens or only a privileged few very wealthy people who are indifferent to the needs of the City's children.

I note that other 50+ acre parks are available and used by the citizens of the Yates Garden Association. They have free use of Ben Brenman and Four Mile Park. The Jones Point Federal Park Land is not a private reserve for persons living in a few exclusive blocks of Old Town. I urge the City and your Department to keep the big picture in mind and not to give in to the demands of people who rudely disrupt public meetings in order to impose their minority views that would deny our city's children the resources to meet their needs.

In closing, Jones Point must offer our children at least two full size athletic fields. At least 2 full size fields, if not more. If the park's plan does not offer this, then I suggest that the City formally announce that children are not welcome in this City, because it will be unable to meet their needs. As a practical matter, this will become apparent and the City of Alexandria will be far poorer for it.

Sincerely,

Michael Neilson



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Subject

Thank you for giving myself and others the opportunity to provide written comments to you concerning the future of Jones Point Park, in addition to listening to us in the recent public hearing.

I will try to be brief, but that is always difficult for a lawyer and particularly difficult when the subject is something it is personally, and physically, near and dear to me.

1. This has been stated many times previously, but it bears repeating as often as possible: ALL of the current proposed park uses were designed around the assumption, which was correct at the time, that there would be 240 + - parking spaces under the bridge. That assumption is no longer operative. The ONLY logical conclusion is that the uses of the park must be reexamined as well.

2. The major parking demands under the current plans were the two athletic fields north of the bridge. Although the numbers vary (somewhat distressingly) 80 parking spaces per field is the number Parks and Recs has used in the past. I for one would be very suspicious of any lower numbers being run out at this point in time, together with assurances that games could be scheduled an hour apart or something like that, to reduce the parking needs. If athletic fields are needed so badly, that "promise" will soon disappear. Or, build a field at a location that isn't immediately underutilized by such restrictions.

3. If one or two large fields were to be built, generating a need for 100 +- parking spaces, ONLY ONE OR TWO THINGS CAN HAPPEN: ONE: you will build a parking lot, in the park, and you will therefore take down more trees and/or destroy more wetlands, whether "jurisdictional" or not, OR TWO: you will put more cars on the adjacent streets and the neighborhood. Probably the net result is that both will occur. How, in any sense of the word, does either option "mitigate" the effects of the bridge and the park?

4. As I mentioned in my public comments, I invite all of you to read once again the Alexandria's open space plan which was adopted in 2003. If you were to read it with an open mind on the simple issue of what is the best use for Jones Point Park, under this open space plan, the only reasonable answer is to maintain it as a passive use park and to provide continued protection for existing trees and wetland areas.

I would like to quote but a few of the relevant provisions of the Open Space Plan, with the caveat that I am quoting from a printed version of the Open Space plan provided by the City Clerk's office. It varies slightly from the version on the city web site.

A. Page 5 of the plan, Goal 12 includes "protecting existing trees and woodland areas." On the same page, there is a reference to the creation of additional active recreation opportunities on open spaces located east of Simpson Field. That, to the best of my knowledge, has not been discussed in any hearings that I have attended; in fact, I do not believe that much public dialogue has occurred on any such alternatives.

B. Page 15 of the report discusses Active and Passive uses for Alexandria parks. Looking at the definitions, and again looking at JPP as neutrally as possible, it could only reasonably be

defined as passive; i.e., it "primarily consists of less structured and less formal activities.... (such as) historic/cultural sites... and natural resource areas. (This is the debate over JPP in a nutshell: will it be active or passive? The answer ought to go back to the definition of mitigation: what is better for the neighborhood impacted by the bridge?)

C. The secondary characteristics of parkland, as set forth on pages 15 and 16 of the plan, also point clearly to the need to consider JPP an environmentally sensitive area and a natural resource area, specifically stated to encompass passive recreational areas.

D. It seems ironic at this point--given the vehemence with which some persons are pushing for athletic fields north of the bridge, to note on page 36 of the report that which "open space devoted to passive uses tend to carry greater value premiums" on adjacent properties, proximity to active recreation areas "may actually have negative impact on values of properties immediately adjacent due to potential issues such as traffic, congestion, and noise. Again, then the question is: how will the active uses mitigate the impact of the bridge? The answer is: not one bit.

E. I note that on the city web site, on the color maps, Jones Point Park is colored as a passive use park, and delineated as an environmentally sensitive area, and important for natural resources. Again, the implicit designation for this park throughout the Open Space plan does NOT include large, active uses.

F. It is noted in the Preliminary Vision (Chapter 4) that there was remarkable similarity of goals throughout the city, two of which were to "preserve areas of significant tree cover" and to "minimize surface parking lots".

G. Another goal, on page 65, is the "maximize use of public school open space, and where appropriate, cluster active uses near school properties to serve local needs."

H. Finally, Goal 12 (Page 74 ff) states the need to "Protect existing trees" and to "define a legally enforceable study for protecting existing tree cover" (page 83).

I think that the time has long since arrived that the current plan for 2 football sized fields, placed within a few hundred yards of a neighborhood already beleaguered with the world's largest bridge, is not going to work. The damage that would inevitably occur to the neighborhood and the park is simply too, too, much.

Thank you.

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Subject Jones Point Park

Dear Ms. Cox:

I am a Yates Garden resident of nearly 23 years. I'll keep this short and sweet.

I support a balanced mix of Jones Point Park that would include ONE athletic field and the rest protected for passive use. Even though the park is in my neighborhood, I believe all in the area should be able to enjoy it, provided attention is paid to protect the peace for the Park's immediate neighbors.

This position is conditioned on the following:

1. That the parking issue is resolved as part of the overall park use planning, not after the fact.
2. That the community garden area be left alone or, if moved, that it be as safe and accessible to older folks as it is now. (No, I am not one of the gardeners.)
3. That the proper steps are taken to make sure environmental concerns are balanced.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Barbara Dunn

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May 16, 2005

Mr. Kirk Kincannon, Director  
Dept. of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities

Jones Point Park Work Group  
C/o Dept. of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities

Dear Mr. Kincannon:

I have been following the deliberations of the Jones Point Park Work Group on behalf of St. Mary's School, which is located adjacent to the park.

St. Mary's School and St. Mary's Cemetery of necessity use South Royal Street as an access point. Recently, St. Mary's Parish shifted its entrance to the Cemetery from Washington Street to Royal Street to avoid conflicts with the Woodrow Wilson Bridge construction at the urban deck and Washington Street traffic generally. In the afternoon, South Royal Street is heavily used to access the school playground where carpools wait to pick up children after school. Our concern with regard to the Jones Point Park plan discussion is to preserve South Royal Street as an access point for the school and cemetery, and briefly as the holding area for cars queuing to pick up children in the afternoon, as well as for special events on weekends.

In a letter to City Council (attached) before its February 8 work session, we outlined three areas of concern:

- Size and location of the roundabout at the end of South Royal Street
- Parking along South Royal Street
- Need for an access road into the park.

City Council members agreed (with particular interest from Council Member Paul Smedberg and Mayor Bill Euille) and directed staff to consider these concerns in the ongoing Jones Point Park concept plan process. Mr. Rich Baier of T&ES, in summarizing the meeting, listed the "St. Mary's turnaround" as one of the issues staff would look at. The staff presentation to City Council on February 22 included a graphic addressing "St. Mary's Cueing" (sic).

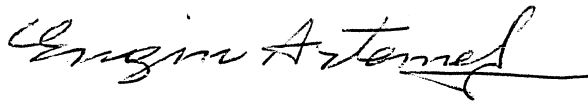
Therefore, we were surprised to see several proposals at the April 24 meeting of the Jones Point Park workgroup that showed large amounts of head in parking on both sides of South Royal Street. It is clear that such parking would severely impact access to St. Mary's Cemetery by funeral processions, and further could conflict with the intricate carpool queuing arrangements put forth each school year through the cooperative efforts

of St. Mary's School and the City of Alexandria's Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. Most importantly, it will create safety and security problems at the playground that would be totally unacceptable to the school, and could create liability issues for the City. In fact, we believe that on-street parking is normally prohibited immediately adjacent to a school.

Since the funds for proposed improvements to Jones Point Park come under the heading of "mitigation", it seems odd to us that one of the results of the mitigation would be further impacts on St. Mary's School and Cemetery, both of which already have undergone severe impacts from the construction of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, and will continue to experience impacts of construction for the next several years.

In reviewing the proposed concept plans prior to selecting one or more to forward to the National Park Service as City-recommended plans, we urge you to keep in mind the serious impacts that the proposed plan could cause to St. Mary's School and Cemetery, particularly with regard to parking along S. Royal Street, and to select plans that maintain South Royal Street in its role as access point to the park, the cemetery, and the school playground and relief valve to the adjacent residential areas.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Engin Artemel". The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long, sweeping underline.

Engin Artemel  
For: St. Mary's School, Cemetery, and Parish

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February 4, 2005

Hon. Mayor William D. Euille,  
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Re: Work Session on Jones Point Park, February 8, 2005

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of City Council:

I am writing on behalf of St. Mary's School and St. Mary's Parish. We have examined the various alternatives put forth for access to Jones Point Park and related parking. While we are not able to endorse any single alternative, we would like to take this opportunity to express St. Mary's concerns regarding the traffic and parking uses on South Royal Street.

1. Proposed "Roundabout" traffic circle at southern end of S. Royal Street: South Royal Street is used extensively by parents of schoolchildren dropping off and picking up children in the mornings and afternoons, and with the opening of an entrance to St. Mary's Cemetery south of the school, by funeral vehicles including limousines and hearses. The roundabout should be large enough that vehicles with a large turning radius such as limousines can be accommodated (some draft plans show a rather small circle). Further, this roundabout should be located far enough south on Royal Street to provide a smooth entrance to the Cemetery coordinated with the location of the new Cemetery entrance; at the same time, vehicular access to the school playground for afternoon pickups must be retained.
2. Parking along South Royal Street: some of the proposals include new parking spaces along South Royal Street. In our view this would be very disruptive of the afternoon carpool pickup pattern (for example, people trying to back out of parking spaces along Royal Street south of Green Street could be in conflict with vehicles in the carpool line). Further, we are concerned about possible safety issues for the children at St. Mary's from a large number of unattended parking spaces close to the playground.
3. Access road within Jones Point Park: a vehicular access road into Jones Point Park is preferred, as this road could serve as a temporary relief valve for afternoon carpools during the brief period (2:45 to 3:15 on weekdays during the school year) when there are many parents lined up to pick up their children.

The children enrolled at St. Mary's School do not use Jones Point Park or its facilities for any school-related activities. Therefore, we do not have a position on the uses within the Park.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our views, and we look forward to working with City of Alexandria and (hopefully) VDOT engineers in arriving at the best possible solution for all who use South Royal Street.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Engin Artemel", followed by a horizontal line.

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Dear Kirk - I am a resident of Yates Gardens and I am writing in opposition to the plan to include 2 soccer fields Jones Point Park. The fields - **and the parking required to support them - will destroy invaluable open space, wetlands and trees.** Since it is post 9/11, we need a sensible new park plan that acknowledges the new realities of both limited park space, Alexandria's critical need for more open space, as well as our pressing security needs. Accordingly, I support option E - no soccer fields.

Please let me know what recommendations you will make to Council and what further opportunities we will have for comment. I live within a block of the park and this is an extremely important issue to me. Sincerely, Claire Heffernan

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Subject Jones Point Park

I attended the Public Hearing this evening, but chose not to speak rather than to repeat points that had already been made.

Please count me amongst those supporting the OTCA proposal of one youth sized field south of the new bridge. 9/11 changed the "playing field" and we no longer can fit everything we'd like to have into the same space.

Sincerely,

David Olinger  
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*Comments  
for 5/18  
deadline*

Statement of Michael E. Hobbs  
on behalf of the  
Old Town Civic Association  
Jones Point Park Work Group  
May 4, 2005

Your deliberation on alternative concepts for the future of Jones Point Park could not be of more importance to us. This park has been a cherished recreational and natural resource for its neighbors in Old Town for more than two generations. It is today a key asset for its neighborhood and for the city at large; and its future is of utmost importance to our members and to all the Alexandrians who use and love it.

We recognize that the plan for the park you adopted in 2001 is no longer feasible, because parking can no longer be located under the bridge span in the post-September 11 security environment. The original plan sited 240 spaces under the bridge. If there is to be no parking under the bridge, then either the parking spaces will need to be moved elsewhere, or the planned uses of the park reconfigured to correspond to available parking, or some combination thereof. The planned uses and the planned provision for parking are integrally related: neither can be effectively addressed in isolation from the other.

Part of the problem is solved by moving 130 city staff spaces to another location. But putting even the remaining 110 spaces in areas that had earlier been planned for the recreational, natural and historical uses of the park inevitably diminishes those benefits.

We believe it is imperative:

- (1) that the uses of the park and the parking provided for those uses be coordinated so that their essential balance is maintained; and
- (2) that the park be configured so as to minimize any damage to the natural, recreational and historical uses of the park and the surrounding neighborhoods due to relocation of the parking.

And clearly, the number of athletic fields is the driving factor in determining how much parking is needed. According to the analysis presented to the City Council in February, if there are two fields as in the original plan, you need 110 parking spaces. If there is one field, you need 70 spaces. And if there are no fields here, you need only 30 spaces, for the general, more passive uses of the park.

We believe that any plan for the park should be measured against the following criteria.

1. The amount of parking and the uses in the park must remain in balance. If you reduce the parking, but don't change the uses, you will cause spillover parking on the nearby residential streets, or you will frustrate people trying to come to use the park but unable to find parking, or both. Park users and residents alike will all be the losers.

2. Damage to the essential values of the park due to the relocation of parking from under the bridge should be minimized. It may be unavoidable that the relocation of parking will result in the loss of some open space, the loss of some wetlands, the destruction of some trees, or the loss of some space which had been intended for park uses, not for parking. But such damage should be kept to the absolute minimum. Damaging the open space and natural environment of the park in order to accommodate all of the parking required for a full complement of active uses sounds like the argument that "we need to destroy the village in order to save it."

3. Damaging impacts to the nearby neighborhoods, especially to their existing natural and recreational values, should be minimized. Disruption or destruction of the community gardens that neighbors have cherished for a generation, destruction of open spaces and forested wetlands for the construction of new access roads, relocating the recycling center into the residential area, or putting recreational facilities and parking where they would have the most noise and lighting impacts on the adjacent neighborhood, are not necessary and should be avoided. We would not even be here discussing this if it weren't for the original Wilson Bridge, which bisected the previous Jones Point Park, and for the new world's widest bridge, which everyone had to concede had terrible negative impacts on the neighborhood. The City settled the lawsuit when the Federal government agreed to grant us funds to help mitigate that damage, and we are using those funds to pay for the restoration and improvement of this park, as best we can. Those were mitigation monies, and we should use them to mitigate the damage to the neighborhood—not to exacerbate it.

4. The recreational, historical and natural values of the park should be preserved to the optimum degree—but not at disproportionate cost. Any active or passive use of the park requires a supportive infrastructure: space for the use, and space for parking. Council concluded, prior to September 11, that all of the uses planned for the park were desirable and should be accommodated. Other things being equal, it would be preferable to retain those uses. But no particular use should be considered sacrosanct if the cost of retention is unnecessary and avoidable damage to the park's wetlands, its unspoiled open spaces, its tree canopy, or its other planned uses.

5. Recreational facilities proposed for this park or elsewhere should be sited where most convenient and appropriate for their intended users. The physical location of this park is one of the least accessible of any location in the city. It is at the very edge of the city; it is surrounded on two sides by water; and it can be accessed only by narrow streets through residential neighborhoods. It is far from an ideal location for facilities which are intended or expected to draw users from all over the City of Alexandria and beyond.

6. We should all be conscious of the capital and operating costs of alternative configurations of facilities and supporting infrastructure in this park and elsewhere. Much as we might wish it were otherwise, the funds available for parks and recreation are not and will not be sufficient to do all that we would like to do, or that there is a demonstrated need for. Council has just adopted a lean and mean budget, and warned us that next year and beyond will be even leaner and meaner. Particular uses and facilities in this park must be configured so as to minimize cost. If we don't, we will have less than we need for park and recreation facilities and services somewhere else.

Some have argued passionately for two full-sized athletic fields in this park. That would help meet the goal of adding to the city-wide inventory of such fields, but it would maximize the damage to the open and natural environment here, to the neighborhood, and to the other more passive uses of the park. Others argue passionately for no formal athletic fields here. That would minimize the damage to the environment and to passive uses, but it would not help to meet our needs for active recreation, and would in fact be a step back from the historical usage of this park.

We believe that a single, smaller sized soccer field south of the bridge span would best meet the objective of optimizing the public benefit of this park while minimizing damage to other uses of the park or to the adjacent neighborhood.

From the presentation at the Council's February 8 work session, we understand that the need for 110 parking spaces is driven by the requirement of 40 spaces for each of two soccer fields, and 30 spaces for the remainder of the general uses of the park. All of the configurations of 110 spaces that have been proposed, however, involve needless destruction of wetlands, removal of trees, disturbing of existing recreational or natural spaces, loss of open space, substantial risk of spill over parking on residential streets, or more than one of the above.

Scaling back the general uses of the park to avoid the need for those 30 spaces would be a drastic remedy and should not be considered. Siting one of the two planned soccer fields at a different location, however, would meet all of these criteria:

1. It would reduce the parking required at Jones Point Park by almost 40%, from 110 to 70 spaces, and minimize the risk of spill over parking on nearby residential streets.
2. It would minimize the damage to wetlands, trees, and open space in the park.
3. It would avoid disruption or destruction of the nearby community gardens; might avoid the need for constructing new access roads; and would minimize present or future noise or lighting impacts on the adjacent residential neighborhood.
4. It would preserve all of the previously planned uses of the park *in kind*, though reducing one of those uses—soccer fields—*in scale* at this site. A smaller-scale soccer field at Jones Point Park might, in fact, be more neighborhood- and family-friendly than two large “professional” size multi-purpose athletic fields, and more in keeping with the fields that generations of soccer-playing youngsters have enjoyed at this site.
5. It would permit the relocation of one (or more) of the full-sized, “regulation” soccer fields that would be more useful and appealing to adult players in organized leagues, to a more central location more easily accessible to the expected users.
6. It would probably significantly reduce the cost for construction and maintenance of the soccer fields (one here and one elsewhere), by minimizing problems with elevation, hydrology, erosion and the like.

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We are all here because of the central, inescapable fact that the September 11 attacks have compelled us to move 240 parking spaces out from under the bridge. The two-field options which were apparently the only options you considered at your previous meeting all seem to us not to recognize that central problem. We simply do not have the option to try to keep all of the park uses as they were in the pre-September 11 plan. If you move 110 parking spaces out from under the bridge into the park, you are consuming what was planned as open, natural, or passive recreation space, and you are reducing the passive recreation and neighborhood park values which were ranked as the two highest priorities in the Strategic Master Plan for Open Space, Parks and Recreation adopted just two years ago. But as noted, a "no-field" option might be perceived as giving no priority to active recreation, at least at this site. So we endorse a single-field option as the best balance that can be achieved between active and passive use, the best result that can be achieved here given the circumstances not of our making that have brought us all to this point.

Karen A. Simon  
Yates Garden Resident

First of all, I'd like to state for the record that I believe any of the proposed soccer/multi-use field plans will have a significant impact on the surrounding neighborhood. There will be an increase in vehicular traffic through our neighborhoods, noise, overflow parking, litter, and contaminated runoff into the wetlands from the parked vehicles. This does not even address the recent EPA study results on asthma in children due to vehicle emissions.

Therefore, my "vote" is for Alternative E, assuming that alternative still is **no soccer fields** in Jones Point Park.

My expertise is in environmental engineering, specifically in regulatory compliance for the last 14 years. I think it is surprising that soccer and multi-use fields are being proposed in a **national park**, in a **historic district**, in and impacting **wetlands**, and in a **floodplain**. Any one of those 4 locations should be enough to raise serious questions in the minds of people who would approve such locations. Shouldn't finding out whether the regulatory requirements for the soccer fields and associated parking allowing them to be built in Jones Point Park be addressed before the "preferred alternative" is presented to the City Council and National Park Service? If regulatory requirements will not allow the building of these fields and parking in wetlands and the flood plain, then all the public meetings will be a moot point, and all the meetings will be a waste of the public's and City's time.

With that said, I have 5 main questions and points:

1. Have you thought about the impacts to siting soccer fields so close to such a large source of respiratory irritants and air pollutants? The bridge is widening significantly to allow even more traffic. While the traffic will hopefully move more smoothly, more traffic will result due to people previously avoiding the bridge now using it, and due to normal population growth. Has anyone thought about what a horrible location this is for children's soccer fields due to the recent EPA research on vehicle emissions and asthma in children? (specifically – carbon monoxide, particulates, sulfur emissions)
2. If you move forward with any soccer fields, when is the 404 application going to be submitted?
3. Where can we get a copy of the 404 permit for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge?  
If the 404 permit for the bridge includes the soccer fields, it must be resubmitted as things have substantially changed with what was done in 2001.
4. When are the wetlands going to be re-delineated? It has been many years since they first were delineated, and Hurricane Isabel happened in the meantime, potentially changing the previous delineation.
5. Has it been approved by FEMA to build soccer fields in a floodplain? Changes to the flow pattern may result in flooding damage to homes. I reviewed the initial Environmental Assessment and am not comfortable with the analysis performed.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Karen A. Simon



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Subject Jones Point Park Alternative Concept Plans

I am writing regarding the Jones Point Park Alternative Concept Plans. I was unable to appear at the public hearing on Wednesday, May 4. I would like my comments added to the record regarding this subject.

I am concerned with the negative impact of the "deforestation" of the Jones Point park and it's surrounding environment. It seems that the city has little regard for the benefit of trees. Not only in the context of Jones Point park, but also in many other discussions relating to development and open space. It seems that the City's position is that every inch of space needs to have some human activity associated with it.

It is my contention that trees are a vital element of our community. I am not an environmental scientist, but common sense tells me that the more trees we can have to equalize the air quality from the tremendous amount of pollution created by, in this particular case, the beltway running through our community, the better.

Any plan to remove trees from the Jones Point park will result in a less healthy environment than we have. The first priority of government is to protect it's citizens. The removal of trees from this area is increasing the citizens risk of illness and disease from the resulting increased air pollution.

I have attached an article from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources regarding the benefit of trees.

Regarding the need for soccer fields in the city, I am a coach of my son's U-9 team and see the need for soccer fields. However, I do not believe that we should be impacting a natural environment that is helping to buffer the deleterious effects of the beltway on our community.

I believe the issue of soccer fields is separate from the issue of removing trees from Jones Point. The City should stand firm in the knowledge that the natural environment of Jones Point is vital and must remain as intact as possible. The city should look to other solutions for the soccer field shortage (is there a task group working on this?).

So, my view results in a vote for either maintaining the open field we have, with no additional tree cutting, or no fields at all.

Best regards,

Harry

Harry E. Mahon  
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## **The Mightiest Pollution Fighters of All**

Let's face it. Most human activities -from breathing to burning fossil fuels- cause air pollution. And, while we may not want Big Brother watching over us, it's a good thing Mother Nature is. It's as if she knew we'd need saving from ourselves and created trees to produce oxygen and reduce the atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide created by everyday living.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says a single acre of trees puts out four tons of oxygen -enough to meet the annual oxygen needs of 18 people. This same acre of trees can absorb the carbon dioxide produced by driving a car 26,000 miles. This intake of carbon dioxide and output of oxygen happens during photosynthesis...fortunately for us.

Not only do trees give us the oxygen we need to breathe, they also fight air pollution by directly reducing nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide, major components of photochemical smog, ozone pollution and acid rain. On a more tangible front, trees act as a giant filter on the world. Their leaves, stems and twigs trap and filter out particulate matter, such as dust, ash, pollen and smoke, from the air.

Trees also help keep our water clean. As paving increases in neighborhoods and business districts, rain from storms flows more quickly across paved areas than it does across treed areas. The faster this storm runoff moves, the more it erodes and washes sediment and chemicals into drainage channels. The runoff carries with it oil and grime from parking lots, soil from construction sites, fertilizers from lawns, and chemicals from industrial discharges.

This storm runoff -with its soil sediment and pollutants- flows into drainage pipes and ditches and then into creeks, rivers and lakes. Increased sediment clouds streams and destroys fish habitat. Chemicals make water undrinkable. So how can we promote clean water?

Trees. Tree leaves help interrupt and slow rainfall, allowing the water to soak into the soil. This reduces runoff and decreases the need for additional erosion control. Tree roots also hold soil in place, further slowing erosion.

In fact, trees are a great low cost way for municipalities to save money on materials, installation and maintenance of sewer and drainage infrastructure. Trees in our backyards, along the streets, and in city parks help prevent erosion and filter pollutants from storm water runoff, making smaller drainage pipes sufficient -another economical boost. A city's urban forest can reduce storm runoff by 10 to 20 percent according to the United States Department Agriculture Forest Service. Bottom line, trees clean the water that eventually flows into our rivers.

Picture your town or city without trees. Now picture it with more trees. There are between 60 to 200 million spaces along our town and city streets where new trees could be planted. These new trees could absorb more pollutants from our air and help prevent soil erosion and flooding. Public trees are a good municipal investment, right up there with bridges, roads, and storm drains. And trees are naturally green and beautiful.

Trees leaf out and green up the world. They calm the wind and reduce noise in our neighborhoods. They shade us. They moderate our climate, improve the look of our communities, conserve water, prevent erosion, and reduce

flooding. And they take on specific problems -air and water pollution.

**M**any Ohio cities and villages have effectively increased the livability of their communities by actively managing their public trees -a relatively low cost investment that provides high returns. Although often taken for granted, street and park trees provide economic, environmental, and social worth that all communities can enjoy. To ensure the efficient continuation of these benefits, this natural resource needs to be properly managed on par with other city services.

The State of Ohio has an Urban Forestry Program through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources that can help communities like yours enjoy all the benefits Mother Nature offers through trees. Contact your local urban forester to find out how to organize an urban forestry program in your area.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
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**Attachment 9**  
**Jones Point Park Stakeholder**  
**Representative**  
**Matrix**  
**(5/04/05 Meeting)**

Speaker	Scheme A	Scheme B	Scheme C	Scheme D	Scheme E
M. Wilkoff - space limits, provide as many opportunities for fields, population growth needs more fields, locations other than JPP are ok					
R. Miller - Unfortunate composition of committee, most want fields next to the WWB, executive of the committee determined the criterion and smacks at the credibility of the workgroup, wetlands next to soccer fields needs heads examined					Yes
F. Putzo - there is a crisis for more fields, need to address the wetlands issue, the athletics next to Francis Hammond where he lives does not generate a lot of traffic, these are 1/4acre lots zoned R8	Yes	Yes			
M. Philto (?) - Trees important, fields should be other than JPP, there is no public transportation to JPP, other areas such as Eisenhower Ave. properties are better for fields since can put a number of fields there together and the size and amenities can be increased, there was a problem for the neighborhood before the WWB construction began, wetland are visible from his door and for a week to 10 days after a storm the water can be seen					Yes
Karen Simon - Neighborhood impact and wetlands impact, historic district and the flood plain, AQ/asthma concerns for children next to bridge traffic and soccer, FEMA regulations for floodplains, wetlands need to be re-delineated					Yes
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R. Moore, Alexandria Lacrosse - some children need adult fields to play on, age 9 starting to play on large fields, Old Town at least one field, public transportation not for little kids, adults do not play at JPP	Yes	Yes	Yes		

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A. Dentzer - 9,000 years of archeology, loss of parking under the Bridge took the Hunting Towers tennis courts, there should be 1 field and no parking, focus on the historic and environmental, oil prices lead to less driving and more biking and walking, do a referendum						Yes
A.M. Ingram - Parking is a problem, leave the park alone and enjoy it the way it is, there are flooding and wetlands, neighborhood support for E						Yes
J. McColl - assumptions from 911, JPP an asset to Old Town, community planning for all open space & JPP, once developed is lost, property was mis-managed over the years, closest to a natural environ that we have					Yes	Yes
M. Hobbs, Old Town Civic - JPP cherished natural resource, uses and parking are related, minimize damages to natural and historic, 1-amount/use in balance, 2-damage to values of park should be minimized particularly open space and natural environs 3-damage to neighborhood minimized, 4-?, 5-locate fields where best used, 6-least cost					Yes	
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# Attachment 10

## Power Point Presentation

(5/26/05 Meeting)

# JONES POINT PARK

WORK GROUP MEETING  
MAY 26, 2005





# OVERVIEW

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RECAP: 3 Work Group Meetings held to date:

March, April and May

- Final Work Group Meeting- May 26, 2005
- Work Group Recommendations to City Council-  
June 14, 2005
- City Council Public Hearing - June 27, 2005
- City to forward concept to National Park Service for  
Federal Review Period- July 1, 2005



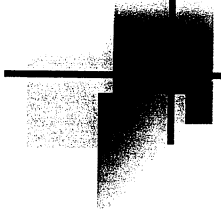
## GOALS FOR TONIGHT

- Narrow Options
- Focus on Parking
- Recommendations to City Council



## BASIS FOR PARKING

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  - 80 spaces for game day
  - 30 park users
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  - 80 spaces for City parking used during the day. (part of the 110)



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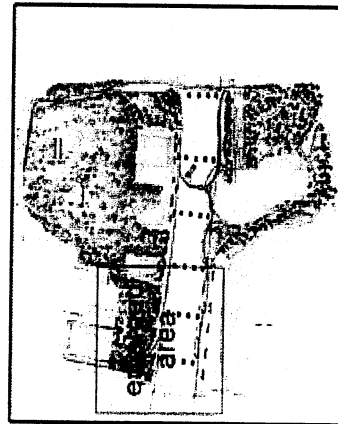
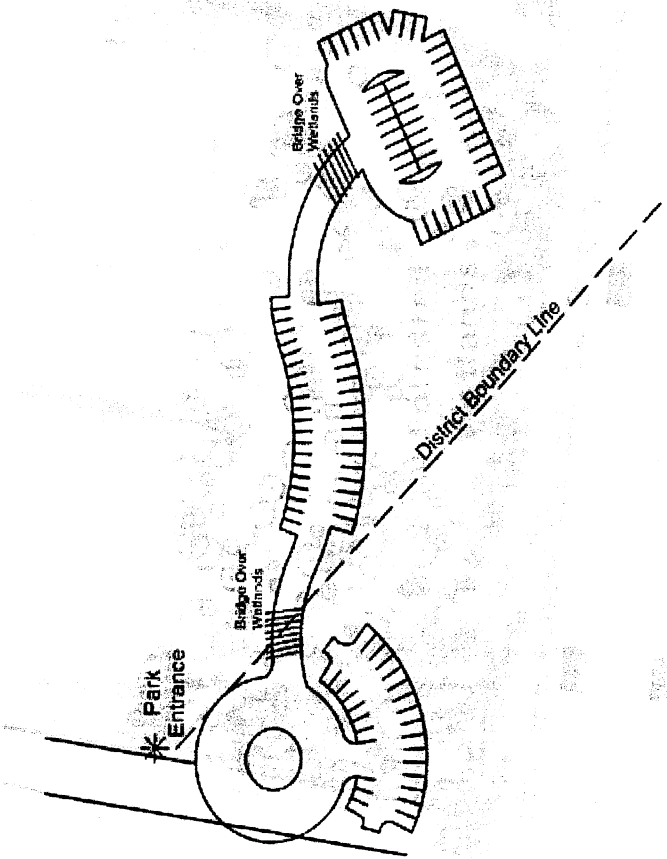
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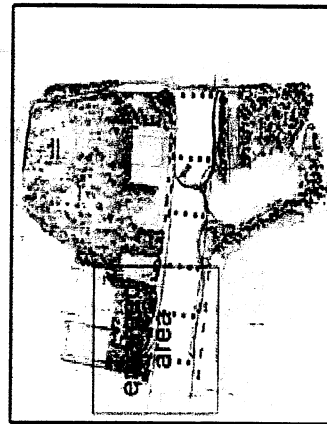
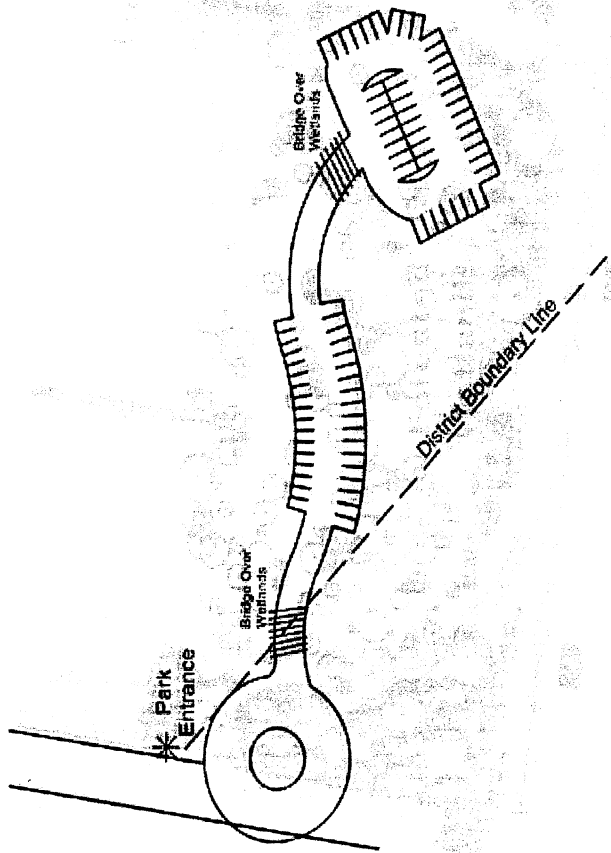
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# PARKING CAPACITY STUDIES





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# PARKING CAPACITY STUDIES



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## CHALLENGES THAT FACE OUR COMMUNITY

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- 4 fields off-line at T.C. Williams until 2007-2011
- 2 Multi-use fields@ the planned bridge project (urban deck) will be mitigated at Witter Drive- acquisition in 2005-2006. Design & construction 2007-2008 and online in 2009
- 2 multi-use fields at Potomac Yard to be relocated and off-line during relocation in the future
- 1 potential field loss at Potomac Yard if school site comes on-line in the future

# Attachment 11

## Guiding Principles for Parking Design

(5/26/05 Meeting)

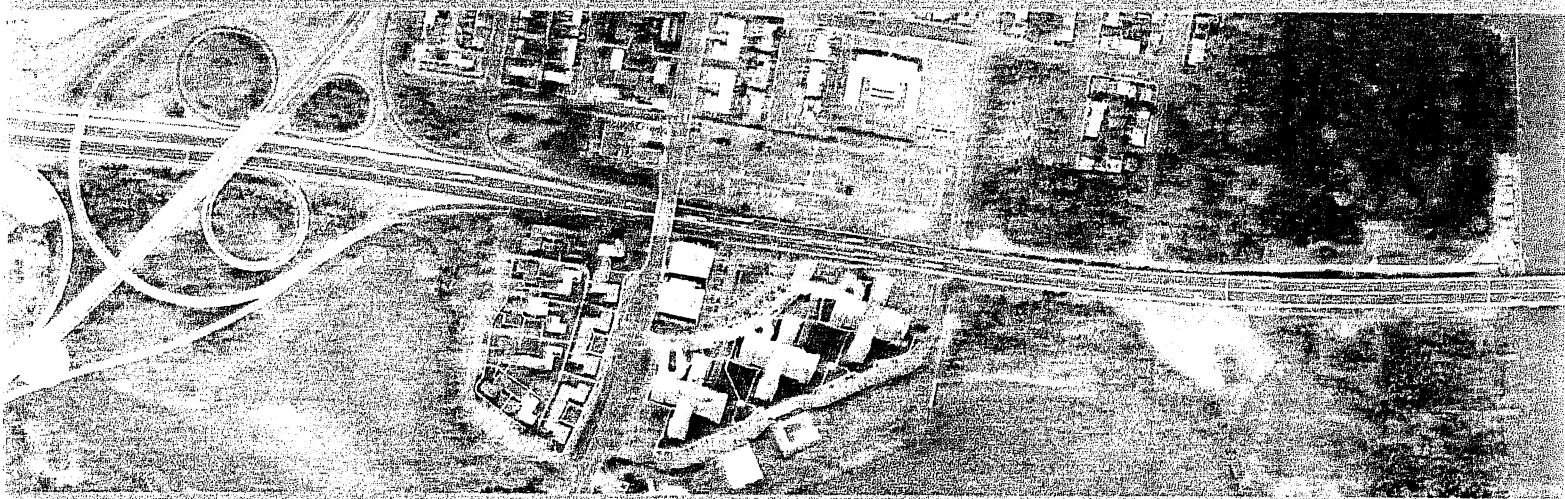
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# Attachment 12

## Hydraulic Review Study

# Jones Point Park



## Hydraulic Review Study

April 2005

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## TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

**To:** The City of Alexandria, Department of Environmental Services  
**From:** Earth Tech, Inc., 675 N. Washington Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314  
**Subject:** Jones Point Park Hydraulic Review Study  
**Date:** April 12, 2005  
**Conducted by:** Scott Delgado, PE and Joe Huesmann, PE

### INTRODUCTION

This memorandum conveys the findings of a Hydrology Review for the construction of two multi-purpose recreational fields as part of the Jones Point Park improvements. The review is based on the August 2001 plans provided by the City of Alexandria (65% plans from VDOT). The proposed multi-use fields consist of one 180' x 330' field oriented east-west and one 180' x 330' field oriented north-south. The multi-use fields will be constructed on fill over portions of the existing access road and within an existing wooded area approximately four (4) feet above the existing grade.

Jones Point Park is located within the City of Alexandria at the waterfront of the Potomac River, adjacent to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge (See Figure 1). The bridge bisects the park, approximately 23 acres to the north of the bridge and 25 acres to the south. The topography of the proposed site is flat, with specific areas previously identified (by others) as designated wetlands to the north of the site.

The site is bounded on the north and west by residential housing. Due to the proximity of the Potomac River, and the low-lying nature of Jones Point, this memorandum addresses the impacts of raising the grade by placing fill for developing the playing fields, and its affect on drainage.

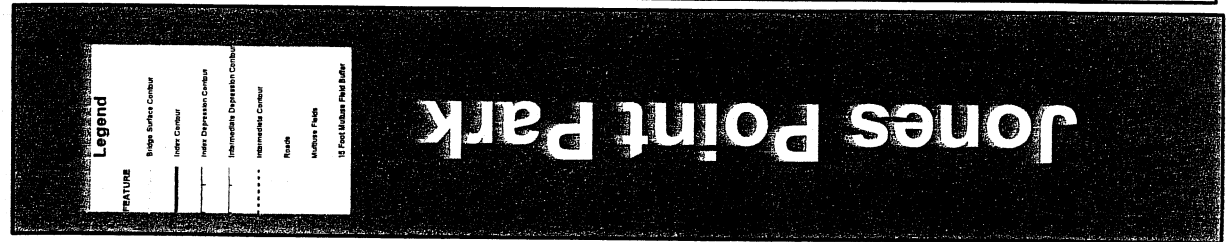
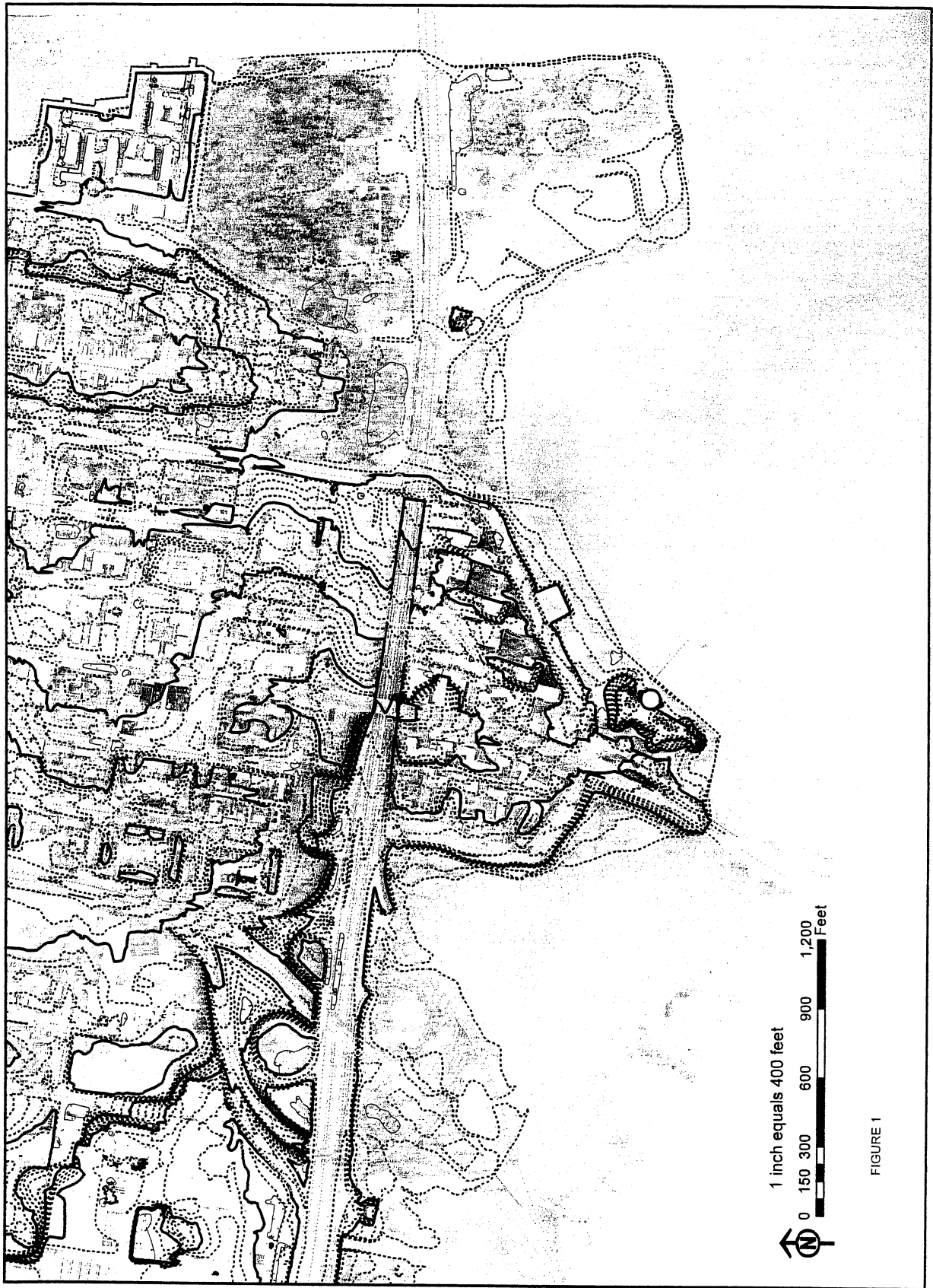
### PROJECT SITE

Jones Point is flat, with some low areas that pond with water during rainfall events. Wet-weather ditches carry most of the runoff from the portion of Jones Point south of the Wilson Bridge directly to the Potomac River. Runoff in the northwestern portion of Jones Point is collected in a ditch that drains into a culvert that crosses beneath I-95. The culvert outfalls into a wetland area to the south of the existing bridge. The northeastern part of the site where the recreational fields are proposed is also fairly flat, and drains to the east into a swale which itself drains into the Potomac (See Figure 2).

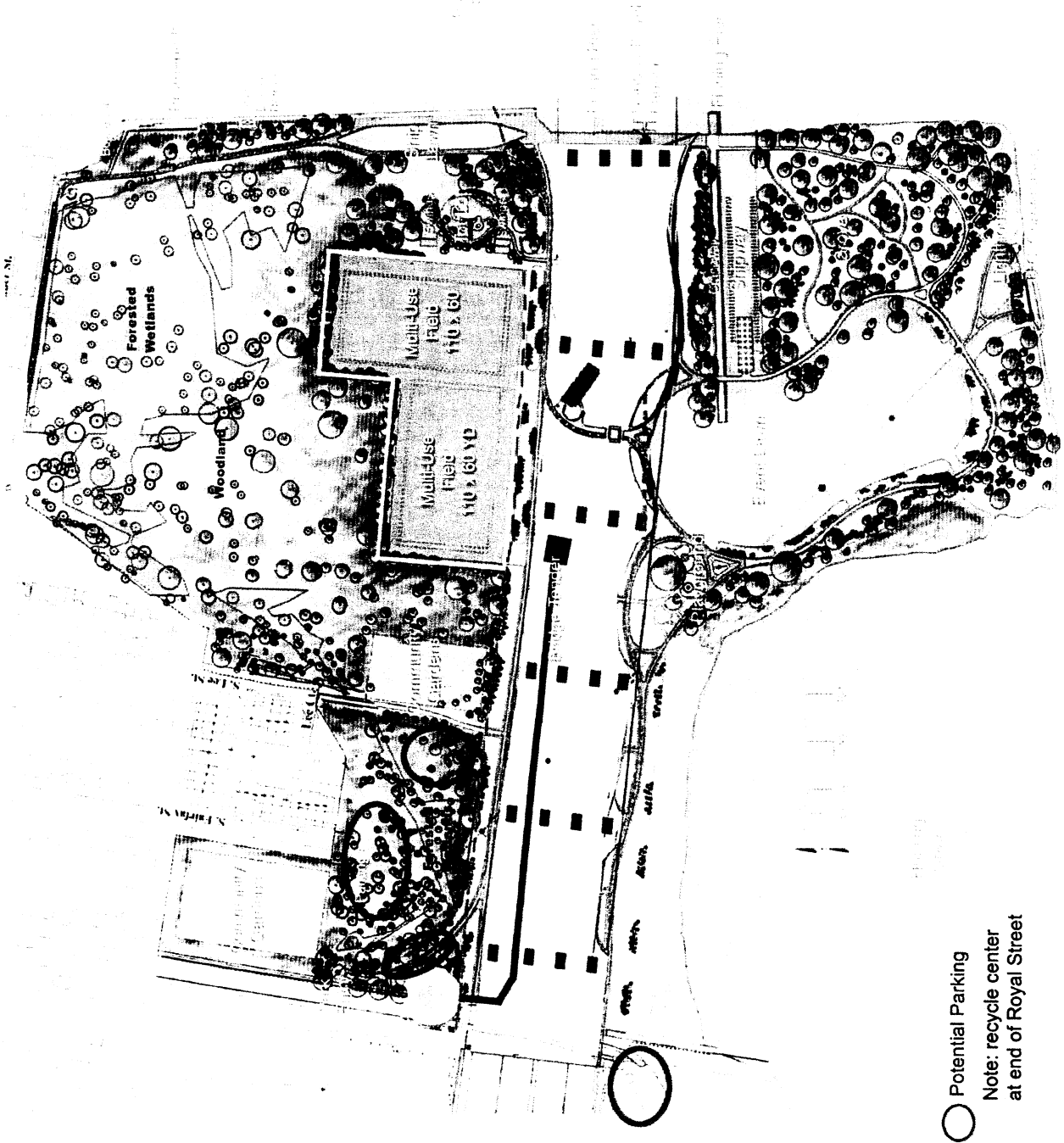
Many of the residential streets surrounding Jones Point grade towards the park without inlets or storm drains. As a result, runoff from these streets drain directly into the park.

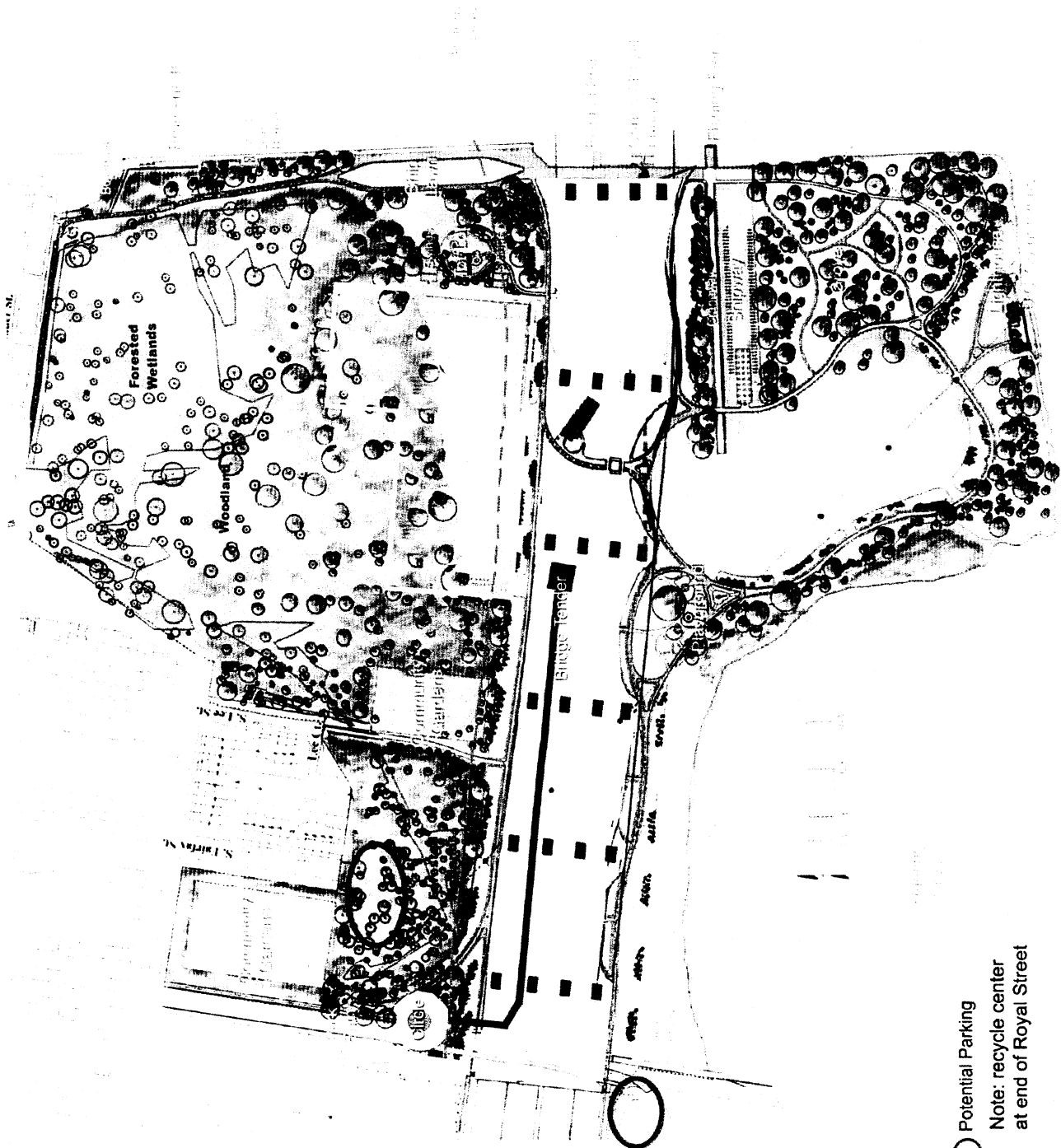
### ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

Earth Tech performed a cursory hydraulic analysis of the Jones Point area, using as a partial base the hydraulic analysis performed by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), entitled "Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project, Hydrology and Hydraulic Report for Purpose of Scour Evaluation, Replacement Structure for the I-95/495 Crossing of the Potomac River." The SHA



*Attachment II*  
*Schemes A and E*





○ Potential Parking  
Note: recycle center  
at end of Royal Street